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(54) Title: RECOMBINANT ANTIBODIES FOR HUMAN THERAPY

(57) Abstract

Chimeric antibodies including an Old World monkey portion and a human portion, nucleic acid encoding such antibodies, Old World monkey monoclonal antibodies, and methods for their production and use.

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DESCRIPTION

Recombinant Antibodies for Human Therapy

Field of the Invention

This application is a continuation-in-part of Newman et al., United States patent application serial no. 07/856,281, filed March 23, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial no. 07/735,064, filed July 25, 1991, the whole of which, including drawings, are both hereby incorporated by reference. This invention relates to recombinant antibodies useful for human therapy, and to methods for production of such antibodies.

Background of the Invention

Murine monoclonal antibodies are used in diagnosis of human disease, and in solving basic biological research problems. These reagents are also used in clinical trials as therapeutics for both acute and chronic human diseases, including leukemias, lymphomas, solid tumors (e.g., colon, breast, hepatic), AIDS and autoimmune diseases.

Mouse/human chimeric antibodies have been created, and shown to exhibit the binding characteristics of the parental mouse antibody, and effector functions associated with the human constant region. See e.g., Cabilly et al., U.S. Patent 4,816,567; Shoemaker et al., U.S. Patent 4,978,745; Beavers et al., U.S. Patent 4,975,369; and Boss et al., U.S. Patent 4,816,397 all of which are incorporated by reference herein. Generally these chimeric antibodies are constructed by preparing a genomic gene library from DNA extracted from pre-existing murine hybridomas. Nishimura et al., 47 Cancer Research 999, 1987. The library is then screened for variable region genes from both heavy and light chains exhibiting the correct antibody fragment rearrangement patterns. The cloned variable region genes are then ligated into an expression vector

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containing cloned cassettes of the appropriate heavy or The chimeric light chain human constant region gene. genes are then expressed in a cell line of choice, usually a murine myeloma line.

Such chimeric antibodies have been used in human Antibodies to these chimeric antibodies, however, have been produced by the human recipient in a number of cases. Such anti-chimeric antibody antibodies are detrimental to continued therapy with the chimeric 10 antibody.

Erlich et al., 34 Clinical Chemistry 1681, 1988, Erlich et al., 7 Hybridoma 385, 1988, Erlich et al., 6 Hybridoma 151, 1987, and Erlich et al., 1 Human Antibody Hybridomas 23, 1990 (not admitted to be prior art to the 15 present application) state that human monoclonal antibodies are expected to be an improvement over mouse monoclonal antibodies for in vivo human therapy. also postulate that non-human primate antibodies, e.g., chimpanzee monoclonal antibodies, to be tolerated in 20 humans because they are structurally similar to human antibodies. Since human antibodies are non-immunogenic in Rhesus monkeys (i.e., do not induce an antibody response), they predict that primate antibodies will be nonimmunogenic in humans. They indicate that the testing of 25 antibodies in humans is unnecessary if a primate antibody has a constant region structure identical to that of a human immunoglobulin or, at least, a structure no more different from a human immunoglobulin than the different human antibodies differ from each other. 30 suggest that chimpanzee antibodies may be useful in human therapy.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention concerns methods for the amplification and cloning of Old World monkey (referred to 35 herein as "monkey," e.g., baboon or macaque) antigenbinding portions of immunoglobulin variable region-

encoding genes, the fusion of these genes to cloned human, chimpanzee or other monkey constant region-encoding genes (and human, chimpanzee or other monkey framework-encoding genes if required), and their expression as human/monkey 5 recombinant antibodies, or wholly monkey recombinant antibodies. Furthermore, the invention concerns use of such recombinant antibodies (which term includes antibodies produced by fusion of DNA from two different antibody genes, even from the same species, e.g., two different 10 monkey antibody genes, for example, Rhesus and cynomolgus monkeys, to give a monkey-monkey recombinant antibody) as immunotherapeutic agents for the treatment of human dis-The invention is based upon the discovery that ease. evolutionary distant monkeys (e.g., baboon or macaque 15 monkeys (including cynomologus, and Rhesus monkeys)), unlike the Chimpanzee, are not only sufficiently different from humans to allow antibodies against human antigens to be raised in these monkeys, even to relatively conserved human antigens, e.g., CD4 and CD54, but are sufficiently 20 similar to humans to have antibodies similar to human antibodies, so that there is no host anti-antibody immune response when such monkey antibodies, or recombinant antibodies derived therefrom, are introduced into a human.

Unlike some prior antibodies used for human therapy,
the antibodies of the present invention do not suffer from
several drawbacks, e.g., 1) immunogenicity and induction
of human anti-antibody (HAA) response upon repeated administration necessary to treat chronic conditions, 2) relatively short half-life compared to human antibodies, and
30 3) lack of effector functions with human cells or complement. The lack of these drawbacks is a significant advantage for human therapy with antibodies made by the present
invention. For example, in the case of chronic human diseases, including auto-immune diseases, or any disease
where prolonged administration of an antibody is necessary, one of the major obstacles to repetitive antibody
therapy is the host response to the therapeutic antibody.

HAA responses are often unpredictable from one patient to another. Such responses are predominantly, though not exclusively, directed against the constant region of the antibody molecule, and once they occur they often preclude, or reduce the effectiveness of, any further therapy with that antibody, or another antibody of the same isotype.

Potentially, the problems of HAA could be circumvented by the use of human monoclonal antibodies. 10 approach, however, suffers from the ethical, clinical, and immunological limitations on immunization of human subjects with many antigens of choice (e.g., human antigens, which phrase includes antigenic or immunogenic portions of any proteins, polypeptides or their equivalent present in 15 a human) for antibody generation. Applicants' approach to circumvent this problem includes generation of antibodies of the appropriate specificity and desired effector function, and their use in production of recombinant antibodies. These recombinant antibodies generally include an 20 appropriate portion of the variable region of an antibody derived from an immunized monkey, and the constant region of an antibody from a human or chimpanzee. specificities and high affinities of monoclonal antibodies are retained, and the appropriate human or chimpanzee constant region displaying the desired effector functions can 25 be readily chosen.

The present invention is further based on a method for amplification of monkey immunoglobulin genes, e.g., by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), from RNA extracted from monkey lymphocytes using synthetic oligonucleotide primers specific for heavy and light chain variable region gene families. The amplified genes or appropriate portions (e.g., complementarity determining region (CDR)—coding regions; see Winter, British Patent Application No. GB2188638A, hereby incorporated by reference herein) are cloned into an expression vector containing a human or chimpanzee constant region gene for the production of a

monkey/human recombinant antibody, or a vector containing a monkey constant region gene for the production of wholly monkey recombinant antibody of the desired isotype. These antibodies represent immunotherapeutic agents capable of localizing and/or killing appropriate target cells (e.g., tumor cells) after in vivo administration.

Thus, in a first aspect the invention features a method for cloning an antigen-recognizing portion of the variable region of a monkey antibody gene. This method includes providing nucleic acid, e.g., RNA from the monkey, forming cDNA to the RNA (using reverse transcriptase), providing a primer complementary to the cDNA sequence encoding a 5' leader sequence of the antibody gene, contacting that cDNA and the primer to form a hybrid complex and amplifying the cDNA to produce nucleic acid encoding the variable region of the monkey antibody gene.

By "antigen-recognizing portion" is meant one or more portions of a variable region of a monkey antibody which are responsible for binding and/or recognizing the target 20 antigen (or epitope or idiotype) of the antibody. example, it includes the CDR regions (see below) or the whole variable region, or any combination of these two regions including any changes in coding regions that may be induced to make the region more human-like rather than 25 monkey-like, without altering the specific binding proper-If only a portion of the whole ties of the antibody. variable region is used then the remaining portions, e.g., the so-called "framework", are provided from another antibody, preferably a human or chimpanzee antibody (see below) and in the art cited above and incorporated herein by reference.

The phrases "variable region", "leader sequence", "constant region" and "framework" are used in their common art recognized manner, examples of which are provided below and in the art cited above and incorporated herein by reference.

In preferred embodiments, the leader sequence is a human, chimpanzee or monkey leader sequence of approximately 60 bases, examples of which are provided in FIG. 1.

Applicant has discovered that the monkey, chimpanzee and human variable region leader sequences are sufficiently similar that primers constructed to one are suitable for amplification of the other. In the method, the RNA is amplified sufficiently to produce enough nucleic acid to place that nucleic acid within a vector for later cloning.

In a second aspect, the invention features a method for producing an antibody to a human antigen, which anti-The method involves body is not immunogenic in humans. raising in a monkey a monkey antibody to the human antigen, and isolating monkey nucleic acid encoding an antigen-recognizing portion of a variable region of the Human nucleic acid encoding a human monkey antibody. constant region of an antibody is provided, and ligated to the monkey nucleic acid to form recombinant nucleic acid. 20 This recombinant nucleic acid is then expressed to produce the desired antibody. Alternatively, chimpanzee or monkey constant region-encoding nucleic acid can be used to form the recombinant antibody. There are few, if any, differences in the amino acid sequence of human and chimpanzee 25 constant regions (i.e., they are homologous), and those differences present between human and monkey can be readily altered by standard techniques if the nucleic acid encoding the monkey constant region is used to form a recombinant antibody. All that is critical in the inven-30 tion is that an antibody be produced that is less immunogenic than the monkey constant region so that no significant immune response ensues when the recombinant anti-(Such antibody regions body is introduced into a human. are herein referred to as homologous regions.) 35 recombinant antibody is engineered to be functionally the same as a human antibody in its amino acid sequence, i.e., it has a constant region homologous to a human or chimpanzee antibody constant region. In summary, the antibody is as human an antibody as is necessary to reduce the chance of an undesired immunological response to the antibody, and contains an antigen-binding portion of a monkey antibody.

By "not immunogenic" is meant that the antibody does not raise an antibody response of sufficient magnitude to reduce the effectiveness of continued administration of the antibody in the majority of humans for sufficient time to achieve therapeutic efficacy, e.g., as compared to a murine or murine-human chimeric antibody. Preferably, no antibody response is observed.

In preferred embodiments, the method includes immortalizing a cell of the monkey which is responsible for producing the monkey antibody, e.g., by hybridoma fusion, viral transformation with Herpes papio, single B-cell cloning (also termed "transient immortalization"), and production of a library of recombinant immunoglobulins. In other preferred embodiments, the method includes selecting a B-cell from the monkey from either a peripheral blood leukocyte, the spleen, bone marrow or a lymph node; selecting a clone which produces the appropriate antibody; rescuing the immunoglobulin genes encoding that antibody from the immortalized cell line; and reexpressing the genes in a producer cell line (i.e., a cell line which causes sufficient production of the antibody to be useful for human therapy).

In a third aspect, the invention features a recombinant antibody formed from either a human or chimpanzee constant region and an antigen recognizing portion of a monkey variable region, or a first monkey constant region and a second, different monkey antigen recognizing portion of a variable region.

In a related aspect, the invention features a mono-35 clonal antibody, or an Fab, (Fab)₂, a light chain or heavy chain dimer, or any minimal recombinant fragment thereof, such as an Fv or a SCA (single chain antibody) or other immunologically active fragment thereof (e.g., a CDR-region), to a human antigen formed by an immortalized monkey B-cell. Such fragments are useful as immunosup-pressive agents. Alternatively, the antibody of the invention may have attached to it an effector or reporter molecule. For instance, an antibody of the invention may have a macrocycle, for chelating a heavy metal atom, or a toxin, such as ricin, attached to it by a covalent bridging structure. In addition, the Fc fragment or CH3 domain of a complete antibody molecule may be replaced by an enzyme or toxin molecule, and a part of the immunoglobulin chain may be bonded with a polypeptide effector or reporter molecule. Bispecific antibodies can also be constructed by standard procedure.

In another aspect, the invention features pharmaceu-15 tical compositions in which antibodies of the present invention are provided for therapeutic or prophylactic uses. Such antibodies can also be provided as immunotoxins, i.e., molecules which are characterized by two 20 components and are particularly useful for killing selected cells in vitro or in vivo. One component is a cytotoxic agent which is usually fatal to a cell when attached or absorbed. The second component, known as the "delivery vehicle" provides a means for delivering the 25 toxic agent to a particular cell type, such as carcinoma cells. The two components are commonly chemically bonded together by any of a variety of well-known chemical or genetic procedures. For example, when the cytotoxic agent is a protein and the second component is an intact immuno-30 globulin, the linkage may be by way of heterobifunctional crosslinkers, e.g., carbodiimide, glutaraldehyde, and the like. Production of various immunotoxins is well-known in the art.

In another related aspect, the invention features nucleic acid encoding a human/monkey recombinant antibody. In preferred embodiments, the nucleic acid encodes a human or chimpanzee constant region and an antigen recognizing

portion of monkey variable region; and the nucleic acid is purified, <u>i.e.</u>, separated from biological components with which it naturally occurs, or more preferably, is provided as a homogeneous solution.

In yet another aspect, the invention features a CDRgrafted antibody formed from at least one of the complementarity determining regions (CDRs), that is, amino acid residues (using the standard amino acid labeling system of Kabat) 31-35 (CDR 1), 50-65 (CDR 2) and 95-102 (CDR 3) of 10 the specified heavy chain, and amino acid residues 24-34 (CDR 1), 50-56 (CDR 2) and 89-97 (CDR 3) of the specified light chain of an Old World monkey variable region, and an immunoglobulin variable region framework from a second The CDR-grafted antibody is able to bind to the species. 15 same antigen as the original monkey antibody. body constant region is derived from a human or chimpanzee The methodology for performing this immunoglobulin. aspect is generally described by Jones et al., 321 Nature 522, 1986. Such CDR grafts can be altered if desired to 20 ensure that they appear more human-like so that the probability of instigation of adverse reaction to the antibody is lessened.

In preferred embodiments, the method includes immortalization or selection of a cell from a macaque, which is responsible for producing a macaque antibody, and rescuing the immunoglobulin genes from the cell; cloning and sequencing the antibody genes responsible for the production of antibody; selecting a human variable region framework sequence (preferably with the closest homology to the macaque variable region framework); and substituting macaque CDR sequences for human CDR sequences and minor modifications in the human framework region may be included to maintain affinity of the antibody for its antigen.

By "minor modifications" is meant that less than a total of about 6 amino acids in the framework may be substituted by other amino acids. Usually such substitutions

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or modifications are made only when those amino acids are involved in conformational interactions that hold the framework in an appropriate form so that the desired antigen is recognized by the antibody. Such modifications will generally reflect those differing amino acids present in a monkey antibody, compared to a human antibody. For example, the amino acid sequence of a human antibody just prior to heavy chain CDR 3, 92-94 is generally cysteine-alanine-arginine (arginine is known to be replaced in a minority of antibodies with serine or threonine); in some antibodies in the monkey the sequence is cysteine-alanine-serine; thus, in this example, it may be preferred to use serine at amino acid 94 (see Fig. 9D).

In a further aspect, the invention features a method for treating a human having a particular antigen, e.g., one associated with disease. The method includes administering a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant antibody specific for the particular antigen, wherein the recombinant antibody is one having either a human or chimpanzee constant region and an antigen recognizing portion of a monkey variable region, or a first monkey constant region and an antigen-recognizing portion of a second, different monkey variable region.

In preferred embodiments of the above aspects, the
antigen is a tumor antigen, an antigen involved in an
immune disorder, an antigen involved in an autoimmune
response, a receptor expressed on a host cell, or an
antigen selected from the human antigens CD58, VLA4 (α4β1
integrin), CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20,
human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD8, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD45,
CD71, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, C5a, adhesion
molecules, e.g., VCAM, CD54, CD28, CD11a, CD11c, CD18, and
CD11b, the neu oncogene product, MDR-1 (P-glycoprotein),
TGFα and its receptor, and PDGF; and the recombinant antibody is active to either deplete (kill or eliminate)
undesired cells (e.g., anti-CD4) by acting with complement, or killer cells, or is active as a cytotoxic agent

or to cause Fc-receptor binding by a phagocyte. Alternatively, the antibody blocks or stimulates receptor functions, or neutralizes active soluble products, such as one or more of the interleukins, TNF and C5a.

In other aspects, the invention features pharmaceutical compositions of the above antibodies or fragments thereof. Compositions or products according to the invention may conveniently be provided in the form of solutions suitable for parenteral or nasal or oral administration.

Appropriate preparations of antibody may be mixed with appropriate preparations of other agents, resulting in increased clinical utility.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description of the pre15 ferred embodiments thereof, and from the claims.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

The drawings will first briefly be described.

Drawings

FIG. 1 is a tabular representation of 20 codons in 20 nine different Ig heavy chain leader sequences and ten monkey Ig heavy chain leader sequences;

FIG. 2 is a diagrammatic representation of the structure of various Ig chains showing the relative position of leader, variable, and constant regions with the positions of restriction sites and primers used for amplification;

FIG. 3 is a diagrammatic representation of a heavy chain cassette vector for expression of human or chimeric antibodies;

FIG. 4 is a diagrammatic representation of a light 30 chain cassette vector designed for expression of human or chimeric antibodies;

FIGS. 5 and 6 are diagrammatic representations of vectors designed for expression of immunoglobulin from kappa or lambda light chain cDNA, respectively. In these vectors, the immunoglobulin genes are arranged in a tandem

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configuration using neomycin phosphotransferase as the selectable marker;

FIGS. 7-1, 7-2, and 8 show the nucleic acid sequence of various leader sequence primers useful in the invention 5 (these primers in FIG. 8 correspond to those listed as SEQ. ID Nos. 1 - 12 infra;

FIGS. 9A through 9H are comparisons of human and monkey regions in the VH1, VH2, VH3, VH4, and VH5 sequences, and VKI and VKII, and VlambdaIII sequences, respectively;

FIG. 10 is a comparison of human and monkey VH3 sequences, with one comparison to the human VH2 sequence;

FIG. 11 is a graphical representation of the binding of an antibody of the invention to a human CD4 antigen;

FIG. 12 is a graphical representation of the inhibi-

15 tion of binding of 1F3 by the antibody shown in FIG 10;

FIGS. 13 and 14 are portions of the nucleotide sequences of anti-CD4 VH, and VL regions respectively;

FIG. 15 is a graph showing anti-CD54 activity; and

FIG. 16 is a histogram comparing plasmid expression

20 features.

Monkey Antibodies

Old World monkeys include those referred to as baboon and macaque monkeys (including Rhesus monkey and cynomol-This invention provides details of use of gus monkey). 25 the claimed invention with various monkey genes. examples are not limiting in the invention and may be readily applied to other Old World Monkeys.

Referring to Fig. 2, there is shown in diagrammatic form the general structure of genes encoding immunoglobu-30 lin heavy, kappa light, and lambda light chains. Each of these chains is formed with an ATG start codon followed by a leader sequence of approximately 60 bases, a region encoding a variable region of the immunoglobulin, and a constant region of that immunoglobulin. Examples of dif-35 ferent leader sequences, or signal peptides, of heavy These sequences, and their chains are shown in FIG. 1.

equivalent in monkey, can be determined by standard techniques well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and as described below.

The sequences shown in the lower portion of FIG. 1 are human leader sequences. Applicants have discovered that construction of primers complementary to these leader regions allows amplification of Ig genes from monkeys. Similarly, primers homologous to monkey leader sequences (see e.g., upper portion of FIG. 1) can be used in amplification of monkey immunoglobulin genes, and also for amplification of human immunoglobulin genes.

By use of such primers in standard amplification procedures, genes encoding various monkey immunoglobulin genes, can be readily isolated, and the sequences encoding 15 the variable regions of the antibodies determined. Examples of such procedures are provided below. The results of the analysis provided below are presented in FIGS. 9A through 9H, and in FIG. 10. Surprisingly, applicant found that, despite the ability to produce antibodies to rela-20 tively conserved human antigens in the monkeys, the variable regional framework sequences of the antibodies so produced were indistinguishable from those of human antibodies. That is, the amount of variability in immunoglobulin sequence observed for the monkeys was similar to 25 that observed for humans, and it was impossible to determine which antibody was derived from a human or monkey without analysis of the source itself.

Thus, for example, referring to FIG. 10, the amino acid sequence of the VH3 region of human was compared with monkey. The human antibodies showed a range of homology among themselves from 83 - 98%, while those of the monkey were from 90 - 95% homologous with the human VH3 region. In contrast, the human VH2 region was homologous to the human VH3 by 60%. [In this drawing, as in the other drawings, the presence of the same amino acid at any location is shown by a dash, while the presence of a different amino acid is shown by the standard one letter

code. Positions to which no consensus amino acid can be assigned are shown as an X.] Similarly, homology for VH1, VH2, VH3, VH4, and VH5, and for VKI and VKII and Vlambda III is shown in FIGS. 9A - 9H, respectively. Again, significant homology between the monkey immunoglobulin region and that of the human was observed in each variable region including immunoglobulin J regions sequences. Such high homology is similar to that observed among human antibodies.

The methodology by which the sequences were determined is presented below in the examples. Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that these examples are not limiting in this invention and equivalent results and monoclonal and chimeric antibodies can be obtained by similar procedures well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. See e.g., U.S. patents 4,816,567; 4,978,745; 4,975,369; 4,816,397, supra. For example, after cloning a gene encoding a monkey variable region, such a gene is readily ligated to one encoding a monkey or human constant region, and the fused genes expressed in a producer cell line to produce the desired antibody. Below are provided examples of such procedures.

In the following examples, the first step in the method involves the isolation of total RNA from monkey peripheral blood or spleen cells. B cells from immunized monkeys may be obtained from peripheral blood or lymph nodes and used directly or, they may be preferentially expanded. Expansion may involve Herpes papio virus transformation, fusion to a heterologous myeloma cell with subsequent selection, or cloning of single B cells under limiting dilution in the presence of stimulated human T cells.

Total RNA is then converted to single stranded (ss) cDNA by reverse transcriptase using non-specific (oligo-dT or random hexamers) or specific (immunoglobulin CH1 or CK or Clambda constant region) oligonucleotide primers. Single-stranded cDNA produced by this reaction is ampli-

fied using the polymerase chain reaction in which ss cDNA, together with deoxynucleotide triphosphates, a DNA polymerase (e.g., a thermostable polymerase) and specific primers, are used to amplify heavy or light chain variable 5 region immunoglobulin genes. The primers used are single stranded synthetic oligonucleotides ranging from 20 to 40 bases, containing some degenerate bases which bind to the Six different 5' immunoglobulin 5' leader sequences. leader sequence primers (see, FIG. 7-1 incorporating a 10 restriction enzyme site (e.g., SalI) have been designed for amplification of monkey heavy chain variable region families based on their similarity to human heavy chain variable region gene families. With each of the six 5' leader sequence primers, a 3' primer specific for the 15 constant region domain of the relevant isotype (e.g., IgG, IgM, IgA or IgE) also incorporating a restriction enzyme site (e.g., NheI) is used. Similarly, for monkey kappa and lambda light chains, other pairs of primers are used for amplification of the appropriate light chain variable 20 region (Fig. 7-2).

Other sets of primers can be used in order to incorporate different, unique restriction sites to allow directional cloning of PCR-amplified DNA into an appropriate expression vector possessing the same restriction site. 25 A set of primers binding to the 3' end of the antibody heavy chain leader sequence incorporating a Mlu1 site, or a set of primers binding to the first 23 bases of framework one incorporating a XhoI site can also be used and The monkey immunoglobulin are described in Fig. 7-1. 30 heavy and light chain variable region genes may be cloned into a shuttle vector directly after PCR amplification to allow further molecular manipulations if necessary or, cloned directly into an expression vector that contains human heavy or light chain constant region genes. 35 molecular configuration of the immunoglobulin genes in the expression vector may be genomic, in which immunoglobulin promoter/enhancer and other regulatory regions are present

as well as splice donor/acceptor sequences at the intron/ exon junctions. Alternatively, chimeric immunoglobulin genes can be inserted in a cDNA configuration using heterologous viral promoter/enhancer sequences.

5 Example 1: Sequence of Monkey Antibodies

FIGS. 7 and 8 show the primers with or without restriction sites respectively, used in the PCR amplification of immunoglobulin genes from monkey and/or human cDNAs. Details of the procedures used are provided below. 10 RNA was isolated from the spleen, peripheral blood and lymph node cells of monkeys using the standard guanidinium isothiocyanate method. The total RNA fraction isolated by this method was then used as a template for subsequent amplification reactions. An aliquot of the RNA was incu-15 bated in the presence of 200 units of Moloney murine leukemia virus reverse transcriptase and non-specific (oligo-dT or random hexamers) or specific (immunoglobulin IgG CH1 region or kappa chain constant region CK) oligonucleotide primers (50-100 picomoles) to generate a non-20 coding sense single cDNA strand. Single stranded cDNA produced by this reaction was then amplified using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). An aliquot of single stranded cDNA was incubated together with deoxynucleotide tri-phosphates (20 μ M), a thermostable DNA polymerase (2-5 25 units) and human-derived synthetic oligonucleotide primers (50 picomoles), to amplify either heavy or light chain variable region immunoglobulin genes.

Using pairs of primers shown in FIG. 8, several representative cynomolgus immunoglobulin heavy and light chain variable region sequences from a number of gene families were amplified. These amplified sequences were cloned into the EcoRV site of the plasmid vector p-Bluescript (pBS, available from Stratagene, CA) and used for DNA sequencing. DNA sequencing was performed using the plasmid DNA containing the cloned insert as a double

stranded DNA template and the standard chain termination sequencing method.

Representative cynomolgus monkey immunoglobulin sequences are shown in FIGS. 9A - 9H. Included in FIGS. 5 9A - 9H are the consensus amino acid sequence for human variable region genes representing each of the major variable region gene families. The percentage homology of each monkey sequence with the human consensus sequence, excluding the constant domain regions and the CDR regions, 10 is shown. The level of homology between human and monkey sequences for a given family is as high as between two human sequences within that family. It is impossible therefore to distinguish between variable region immunoglobulin sequences originating from Old World monkeys, 15 and those originating from humans based on sequence comparisons alone.

Isolation of RNA

Monkey antigen-specific B cells were obtained in several ways: by fusion of immunized monkey lymph node 20 cells to the human/mouse heteromyeloma fusion partner cell line K5H6/B5, and subsequent screening of the hybridoma lines, by virally transformed B cells, or by in vitro single B cell cloning techniques. In the latter case growth of a single monkey B cell was supported in vitro by 25 co-cultivation with human T cells that were stimulated by antibody. A single B cell was placed in each well of a 96 well tissue culture plate together with approximately 150,000 anti-CD3-stimulated mytomycin C-treated human T cells. After a two week incubation period the single B 30 cell expanded to at least 200 differentiated plasma cells. Culture supernatant from these wells were assayed for the presence of immunoglobulin by ELISA technique using a capture antibody of goat anti-monkey immunoglobulin.

Cells either from antigen-specific virally trans-35 formed cells or hybridomas were grown up in sufficient numbers for extraction of RNA. Wells from the <u>in vitro</u>

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single B cell cloning technique that were positive for immunoglobulin were removed, washed twice with cold phosphate buffered saline pH 7.5 and centrifuged (1000 x g 10 min). The washed cells were suspended in $100\mu l$ of lysis 5 solution (4 M guanidinium isothiocyanate, 25mM sodium citrate pH 7.0, 0.5% sodium sarcosine, 0.1M 2-mercaptoethanol). 10 μ l of 2M sodium acetate, pH 4.0, was added and mixed. Protein was removed by adding 100 μ l water saturated phenol, mixing and adding $20\mu l$ of chloroform/ 10 isoamyl alcohol (49:1). After vortexing and incubation on ice for 15 min, the samples were centrifuged at 10,000 \times g for 20 minutes. The aqueous phase was transferred to a new tube, mixed with an equal volume of isopropanol and incubated for 1 hr at -20°C. The precipitate was collected 15 by centrifugation at 10,000 x g for 15 minutes, washed with 70% ethanol, recentrifuged and the pellet dried in a The dried RNA was redissolved a Speedivac (Savant). second time in 100 μ l of lysis buffer. An equal volume is isopropanol was added and incubated at -20°C for one hour. 20 The precipitate was collected by centrifugation at 10,000 x g for 15 minutes and washed with 70% ethanol. The pellet was dried in a Speedivac (Savant) and stored at -20° C in 70% ethanol until use.

Synthesis of single stranded cDNA

The total RNA extracted from the cells originating from a single well was dissolved in $32\mu l$ of double distilled water to which is added $1\mu l$ (50-100 picomoles) of primer (either random hexamers, oligo dT or 3' immunoglobulin-specific primers) and $10\mu l$ of 5X reverse tran-30 scriptase buffer (0.25 Tris-HCl pH 8.3, 0.375M KCl, 15mM The mixture was heated at MgCl₂, 50mM dithiothreitol). 65°C for 5 minutes after which it was placed in ice for 2 minutes. After heating, $1\mu l$ RNAsin (Promega), $5\mu l$ of 5mMdeoxynucleotide triphosphates, and $1\mu l$ (200units) of 35 Moloney murine leukemia virus reverse transcriptase (BRL) was added, and the mixture incubated at 37°C for 1.5 hours.

After completion of the reverse transcriptase reaction, the single stranded cDNA/RNA mixture was extracted with phenol/chloroform and passed through a 1ml G-25 SEPHADEX spin column. The material passing through this column was used as template ss cDNA for PCR amplification.

Amplification of ss cDNA

3-10μl of the ss cDNA was mixed with 10μl 10X PCR buffer (500mM KCl, 100mM Tris-HCl pH 8.3, 15mM MgCl₂), 1.6μl of 1.25mM deoxynucleotide triphosphates, 50 pico-moles of specific immunoglobulin 5' primer, 50 picomoles of specific immunoglobulin 3' primer, and 2 - 5 units of thermostable DNA polymerase (Synthetic Genetics). The reaction volume was brought to 100μl with water and overlaid with 100μl of mineral oil. The reaction mixture was incubated at the following temperatures for the specified times.

94°C for 1 minute

48°C for 2 minutes

72°C for 2 minutes

This cycle was repeated 30-35 times. The amplified products were examined by agarose gel electrophoresis using a 1.2% agarose gel and molecular weight standards. The amplified immunoglobulin variable region genes ran approximately between 350-500 bp markers. The PCR amplified products were then used for cloning into the appropriate plasmid vector.

Example 2: Cloning Monkey Antibody genes

Since monkey variable region gene sequences, at the cDNA level, are indistinguishable from human members of the equivalent gene family, immune responses to monkey/ human chimeric antibodies, if any, are unlikely to be any different than those mounted against human antibody molecules.

PCR technology can be used to introduce specific restriction enzyme sites, including (but not limited to)

SalI, BglII, KpnI and NheI, into the Old World variable region sequences during the PCR amplification reaction using primers based on those in FIG. 6. Pre-existing cloned genes were amplified from their specific vector using these primers to introduce the specific restriction site which was subsequently used to clone the gene into an expression vector. Alternatively, these primers were used to amplify directly from cellular RNA.

Expression vectors which have been constructed are of The first (see FIGS. 3 and 4) allows cloned 10 two types. cDNA immunoglobulin variable regions from monkeys to be inserted into a cassette vector, using unique restriction sites, in which the immunoglobulin gene elements are arranged in a genomic configuration. This type of vector 15 incorporates an immunoglobulin promoter, the two exons making up the immunoglobulin leader sequence, two cloning sites SpeI and NheI, downstream splice donor sequences, an immunoglobulin enhancer region, a human constant region gene (heavy or light chain) and downstream polyadenylation 20 signals. In addition, they include a bacterial origin of replication, a beta-lactamase gene for bacterial selection, and a neomycin phosphotransferase gene for G418 selection, or a xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (gpt) gene for mycophenolic acid selection in mammalian cells. The heavy and light chain expression vectors use neomycin phosphotransferase (Neo) and xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (Gpt) genes respectively as the selectable marker.

The second type of expression system (see FIGS. 5 and 6) uses immunoglobulin genes in a cDNA configuration. That is, no introns or splice sites are present between the 5' leader sequence and the 3' constant region sequences. This type of vector utilizes heterologous viral promoter/enhancer sequences, driving immunoglobulin heavy and light chain genes arranged in a tandem fashion, polyadenylation sequences and a selectable mammalian cell marker (Neo). The Neo gene can be modified to weaken its

translation, e.g., by changing the codon upstream and adjacent the start site of the gene from ACC to TCT. In addition, a dihydrofolate reductase (dhfr) gene is present for subsequent gene amplification with methotrexate. Mon-key immunoglobulin variable region genes to be cloned into cDNA configured expression vectors were amplified either from pre-existing cloned sequences in the shuttle vector (PBS), or directly from RNA with primers containing either the restriction sites SalI or MluI and NheI, for heavy chain, or BglII and KpnI or BsiWI for kappa or lambda light chains. Other potential unique restriction sites however are not excluded.

Chimeric heavy and light chain immunoglobulin genes were introduced separately or sequentially (for genomic-15 ally configured constructs), or on the same vector (for cDNA configured constructs), by electroporation into a producer cell line. Electroporation was used to introduce linearized DNA constructs into either Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, or mouse myeloma cells, followed by 20 single cell cloning of the transfectants into 96 well tissue culture plates. Electroporation conditions using a BTX-100 (BTX, San Diego) electroporation device and a 1ml disposable plastic cuvette gave optimal numbers of transfectants from a given amount of vector DNA. cells that were adapted to grow in suspension in serumfree medium (CHO-S SFM II minus hypoxanthine and thymidine, Gibco) were used in constructs containing viral regulatory elements.

Subcloning Ig variable region genes

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The products of the PCR reaction were extracted with phenol/chloroform and passed through a 1ml SEPHADEX G-25 spin column. If the DNA fragment was to be blunt end cloned into a plasmid $1\mu l$ 1M MgCl₂, 0.5ml of 1.25mM deoxynucleotide triphosphates and $1\mu l$ of Klenow DNA polymerase (5 units) was added to the total PCR reaction mixture (100 μl) and incubated at 37°C for 15 minutes to fill in

any 5' overhangs. Before blunt end cloning into a plasmid, the 5' ends were phosphorylated as follows; $5\mu l$ of 10mM ATP, $1\mu l$ of T4 polynucleotide kinase (10 units) were added to the total reaction mix and incubated at 37°C for 5 30 minutes. Amplified fragments that contained internal restriction sites were first cut with the appropriate restriction enzyme and used directly for ligation without phosphorylation. In both cases the fragment to be cloned was extracted with phenol/chloroform before ligating into 10 the appropriate vector.

For the ligation reaction 10% of the phosphorylated or restriction enzyme cut-PCR amplified fragment was mixed with approximately 2ng of appropriate vector (total volume 8μ l), previously digested with the restriction enzyme(s). 15 For blunt end-cloning pBluescript digested with EcoRV was used. For sticky end cloning the vector TCAE 5.2 or 6.0 or pGenex-H or pGenexL, cut with appropriate restriction 1μ l of 10X ligation buffer (500mM enzymes was used. Tri-HCl pH 7.6, 100mM MgCl2, 10mM ATP, 10mM dithiothrei-20 tol), 1μ l T4 DNA ligase (1 unit) was added and the reaction allowed to proceed at 14°C overnight. The ligated material was used to transform competent E. coli HB101 cells using the standard calcium chloride method of trans-The transformed bacteria were selected by formation. 25 growth on LB ampicillin-containing agar plates. Individual colonies were selected and grown up overnight in LB medium containing ampicillin and plasmid DNA extracted using the standard alkaline lysis method. After restriction analysis to determine which clones contained immuno-30 globulin inserts, the DNA was prepared for sequencing.

Sequencing cloned genes

Cloned immunoglobulin variable region genes were sequenced using a standard chain termination method. Double stranded plasmid DNA containing the cloned insert 35 was used as the sequencing template. Before sequencing, the double stranded DNA was chemically denatured. DNA was

sequenced using T7 DNA polymerase SEQUENASE (United States Biochemical Corporation, Cleveland, OH), radiolabeled alpha deoxyATP, and the following sequencing primers: (5'CAGAGCTGGGTACGTCCTCA 3') and (5'GCCCCAGAGGTGCTCTTGG 3') for immunoglobulin G heavy chain variable region in 5' to 3' and 3' to 5' directions respectively. (5'CAGAGCTGGGTACGTGAACC 3') and (5'GGCTTGAAGCTCCTCAGAGG 3') for immunoglobulin lambda light chain variable region in 5' to 3' and 3' to 5' directions, respectively. Reaction products were separated on 6% polyacrylamide gels and read.

The results of sequencing a number of Old World monkey immunoglobulin heavy and light variable region genes are summarized in FIGS. 9A - 9H. Cloning and sequencing cynomolgus immunoglobulin genes has not been previously 15 described in the literature. Nor, therefore, has the degree of homology between human and cynomolgus V region genes been possible to define. The homology between a single chimpanzee variable lambda gene and its human genomic counterpart has been described showing only a 2% difference in the framework regions.

Transfection and selection

After sequencing cloned heavy and light chain variable region genes, they were sub-cloned into appropriate vectors for expression. These may be vectors constructed with immunoglobulin regulatory elements in a genomic configuration (as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4), or with viral regulatory elements using a cDNA configuration (FIGS. 5 and 6). Appropriate restriction sites (SpeI and NheI) can be designed into the PCR amplification primers during the initial amplification step, or conversely amplification primers containing restriction sites can be used to amplify immunoglobulin genes from the shuttle vectors into which they have been cloned. Alternatively, immunoglobulin variable region genes may be cloned directly into expression vectors after PCR amplification from RNA, so that subcloning is unnecessary.

Electroporation

Electroporation was used to either co-transfect heavy and light chain genomic constructs or sequentially transfect heavy and light chain genomic constructs into Sp2/0 5 cells. In sequential transfections electroporation of the chimeric light chain construct was followed by selection in mycophenolic acid. Screening culture supernatants from clones, grown in 96 well plates, for light chain production with antisera against human light chain constant 10 region using an ELISA technique, allowed selection of the highest light chain expressing clones. Subsequent electroporation of light chain transfectants with a vector containing the monkey/human chimeric heavy chain immunoglobulin construct allowed the selection of transfectomas 15 expressing chimeric antibody of the desired specificity and isotype.

The light chain construct pGENEX-L (FIGS. 3 and 4) was transfected into the murine myeloma cell line Sp2/0 by electroporation as follows. SP2/0 cells at a concentra-20 tion of 1 \times 10⁷/ml in transfection buffer (272 mM sucrose, 7mM sodium phosphate pH 7.4, 1mM MgCl₂) were mixed with 50 ug of pGENEX-L containing the appropriate cloned light chain gene, which had previously been linearized by digestion with the restriction enzyme PvuII. The cells were 25 placed into a 1ml disposable plastic spectrophotometry cuvette and plate electrodes 3.5 mm apart inserted into the cuvette. Using a BTX-100 (BTX, Inc.) transfection apparatus the cells were given a pulse of current for 500 microseconds such that approximately 50% cell death 30 occurred. This value was determined prior to the transfection by pulsing the cells, in the absence of DNA, with increasing voltages and measuring the numbers of cells surviving 24 hours later. The voltage versus cell viability was plotted graphically and the voltage corresponding 35 to 50% cell death used for all subsequent electroporation Using the BTX-100 apparatus, the optimal experiments. value was found to be a pulse at an amplitude of 200 for

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After pulsing the cells, they were 500 microseconds. allowed to recover on ice for 15 minutes before being transferred to 96-well tissue culture plates in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 5% fetal calf 5 serum and 10% Sp2/0 conditioned medium. Cells were plated at a concentration at which cell growth was seen in approximately 1 in 3 of the wells after selection with the appropriate drug. This parameter was determined for each electroporation experiment by plating varying numbers of 10 electroporated cells per well (1000 - 10,000) and selecting for cells which have incorporated the plasmid. number of wells on each plate which showed cell growth was counted after 2-3 weeks of selection. Thus, the appropriate number of cells that gave 1 out of 3 positive wells 15 with a given concentration of a particular plasmid was determined for use in future experiments.

Directly after electroporation cells were placed in medium without drug. Fresh medium was added two days after electroporation containing either G418 or mycophenolic acid for cells exhibiting neomycin phosphotransferase or guanasyl phosphotransferase activity respectively. Cells were fed every 2 days for the first week and then twice a week thereafter. The concentration of drug to use was determined by incubating cells in the presence of increasing concentrations of drug and monitoring cell viability. The concentration of drug used was twice that which gave 100% killing. For Sp2/0 approximately 1µg mycophenolic acid/ml was required and for G418 approximately 800µg/ml.

Cells were electroporated in several ways, either heavy and light chain genomic vectors (pGenex-H and pGenex-L) were co-electroporated, or the light chain was electroporated alone. In the latter case, clones were screened for high level expression of chimeric immunoglobulin light chain using an ELISA technique. These clones were then grown up and electroporated with heavy chain containing vector. If cDNA tandem gene constructs were

used, the expression vector (TCAE5.2 or TCAE6) was first linearized by digestion with the restriction enzyme NotI. A single electroporation was sufficient to achieve integration of both heavy and light chain genes. 5 weeks supernatants from wells which continue to grow in the presence of appropriate drug were assayed for the secretion of chimeric immunoglobulin light chain or whole immunoglobulin using an ELISA technique. Immunoglobulin genes in a cDNA configuration were electroporated into 10 either Sp2/0 cells, as described above, or into Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells adapted to grow in suspension in serum-free medium. CHO cells were electroporated using a BTX 600 electroporation apparatus, set at conditions for achieving maximal numbers of G418 resistant colonies. 15 These were 210 volts, 400 $\mu \mathrm{F}$ and 13 ohms. After electroporation, cells were counted, washed in transfection buffer, resuspended in the same buffer and placed on ice for 15 minutes. Cells were adjusted to 1 \times 10⁷ live cells/ml and 400 μ l of cell suspension placed in a 0.4 ml sterile 20 disposable cuvette (BTX Inc.). 25 μ g of Not 1 linearized TCAE 5.2 or TCAE 6 vector DNA, containing cloned macaque immunoglobulin variable region genes, were resuspended in TE buffer (10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0) at 1 μ g/ml and added to the cell suspension. Electroporation was carried 25 out by discharging the apparatus using the automatic charge and pulse button. The cuvette was placed on ice for 15 minutes, the cells diluted into 120 mls of serumfree medium and placed into six 96-well plates (200 μ l per well containing approximately 6,667 electroporated or 30 3,333 live cells per well). Independent electroporation parameters were established for this cell line and selection by G418 was at 400 μ g/ml.

Screening for production of antibody

The presence of human, monkey or chimeric antibody 35 secreted by transfectants was assayed by an ELISA technique as follows: 96-well flat bottom plates (Dynatech)

were coated with goat anti-human IgG or kappa at 200 ng/well in Coating Buffer (sodium carbonate 0.8 mg/ml, sodium bicarbonate 1.55 mg/ml, pH9.6) and incubated for at least 16hr at 4°C. The coating buffer was removed and the 5 wells blocked with 120 μ l of Blocking Buffer (1% bovine serum albumin in phosphate buffered saline containing 0.2% sodium azide) and incubated at 37°C for 1hr. Up to 125 μ l of cell culture supernatant was added to the wells containing blocking buffer and incubated 2 hrs at 37°C. 10 plates were then washed five times with PBS. 100 μ l of horse radish peroxidase-labeled goat anti-human IgG (or kappa) diluted 1:1000 - 1:5000 in Dilution Buffer (1% bovine serum albumin, 0.05% Tween-20, 0.02% sodium azide in PBS) was added. Plates were incubated at 37°C for 1 hr 15 then washed five times with PBS. Chimeric antibody was detected with 100 μ l of hydrogen peroxide and the substrate, 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (1:1 v/v) per well. The color reaction was terminated after 2 to 5 min. with 100 μ l of 2M sulfuric acid per well.

Those of ordinary skill in the art can readily per-20 form equivalent methodologies to those described above. Examples of such technology include immortalization of selected B-cells by hybridoma fusion, as described above, with the cell line K5H6/B5 described by Carroll et al., 25 164 J. Experimental Medicine 1566, 1986, or an equivalent cell line, such as SPAZ4 (available from Sandoz, see, Ehrlich et al., 34 Clin. Chem. 1681, 1988). Similar cell lines can be readily constructed by standard techniques using publically available methodology. Alternatively, 30 immunoglobulin genes may be cloned from: (a) cells immortalized by viral transformation with Herpes papio, as described by Markova et al., 30 Vopr Virusol 549, 1985, or with an equivalent virus, (b) by single B-cell cloning to provide a transient immortalization, as described by 35 Amaroso and Lipske 145 J. Immunology 3155, 1990, or (c) by use of a recombinant immunoglobulin bacteriophage libraries, as described by Huse et al., 246 Science 1275,

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1989 and McCafferty et al., 348 Nature 552, 1990. Screening for appropriate antibody containing clones can be performed by those techniques described above, or equivalent techniques well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and the desired immunoglobulin gene rescued from the immortalized cell line. In addition, the antibody produced by isolated monkey B cells can be used in human therapy, without manipulation to form a chimeric antibody.

The human constant region may be obtained by standard techniques, with any desired isotype well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and the variable region of a monkey antibody ligated with that human constant region. Particularly useful chimeric antibodies against specific cell surface receptors which can be used in immunotherapy of humans include CD4, ICAMs, CD19, CD20, CD8, CD11a, CD11b, CD28, CD18, CD45, CD71, and TCR.

Example 3: Cloning and Expressing a Monkey/Human Chimeric Antibody with Specificity for CD4

The following is a specific example of the methods 20 and antibodies of this invention.

Generation of Monkey Immortalized B-cell Lines

An adult cynomolgus monkey (White Sands New Mexico Primate Center) was immunized intramuscularly, at multiple sites, with 150-300µg of soluble CD4 (sCD4) or cell membranes (1 x 10⁸ cells) from the CD4 positive cell line supTl using a standard adjuvant. Immunization was repeated every 2-3 weeks a total of six times. The monkey was boosted by injection of 100µg of sCD4 into the inguinal region of one thigh and one week later the draining lymph node from the same thigh surgically removed. Lymphocytes were removed from the lymph node by slicing the tissue and rinsing with sterile DMEM medium. The cell suspension was passed through a nylon gauze and collected by centrifugation at 1000 x g for 10 minutes.

Approximately 1 x 108 lymphocytes were suspended in Tris-ammonium chloride buffer (16mM, pH 7.5) and warmed to 37°C for 5 minutes to lyse the erythrocytes. Lymphocytes were collected by centrifugation and resuspended in L-leu-5 cine methyl ester (LME) and incubated at 37°C for 45 minutes. The LME treated cells were filtered through a nylon 1ml of fetal calf serum was screen and centrifuged. added, the cells suspended and washed twice in serum-free RPMI. The cells were counted and mixed into a single 50ml 10 conical centrifuge tube together with an equal number of K6H6/B5 heteromyeloma cells, prewashed twice in serum free medium. Cells were gently suspended in 1 ml of 50% PEG (polyethylene glycol) added slowly with gentle stirring over a 1 minute period. The cells were then resuspended 15 by the addition of 20ml of serum-free medium over a 5 minute period, with gentle mixing to dilute out the PEG. After washing twice with serum-free medium cells were resuspended at a concentration of 5 \times 10⁵/0.1 ml in RPMI medium, containing 20% fetal calf serum and gentamycin and 20 placed into 96 well micro tissue culture plates at 0.1 ml An equal volume of HAT medium (0.1 ml) was added to each well and the hybrids allowed to grow for 14-17 days before screening.

Screening of Fused Cell Hybrids for the

25 Production of Anti-CD4

The assay to determine anti-CD4 specificity was as follows: ELISA plates were coated with recombinant sCD4 at a concentration of 100ng per well and blocked with 1% bovine serum albumin in PBS. 50 µl aliquots of hybridoma supernatant were removed from each well and allowed to incubate with the sCD4 coated plates for 60 minutes. Binding was detected by incubation with 125I labeled goat anti-human or goat anti-monkey Ig for 60 minutes. After washing four times with distilled water, the wells were counted in a gamma counter. Positive wells were reassayed in duplicate and the hybridoma cells from those

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wells subcloned three times, first at 5 cells per well then twice at 1 cell per well. At this stage anti-sCD4 positives were screened for the ability to bind to cell surface CD4. This was done by inhibition of binding of an 5 anti-CD4 murine monoclonal, termed 1F3, to the CD4 positive cell line supT1. Briefly this was done by co-incubating different amounts of monkey anti-CD4 and 10ng of 125 I-labeled 1F3 with 3 x 10 5 supT1 cells/well in a 96 well After incubation for 1 hour at room temperature 10 (about 20-25°C) cells were removed by vacuum onto glass fiber filters. After extensive washing with PBS the filters were counted in a gamma counter to determine the inhibition of 1F3 binding to supT1 cells by the monkey hybridoma supernatants.

A candidate clone was chosen which produced an antibody that showed strong inhibition against 1F3. The clone we chose was isotyped using human isotyping reagents and found to be an IgG2 possessing a lambda light chain. This cell line was grown up to larger numbers for cloning of 20 its immunoglobulin genes.

Cloning of Heavy and Light Chain Variable Region Genes from Monkey Immortalized B-cells

Total RNA was isolated from 1 x 107 monkey immortalized B-cells using the guanidinium isothiocyanate method described above. One tenth of the total RNA was used to make single stranded cDNA using an oligo-dT oligonucleotide primer and reverse transcriptase, also as described above. One tenth of the amount of ss cDNA was used to set up PCR reactions. The six PCR reactions each included one 30 of six 5' $V_{\rm H}$ family specific oligonucleotide primers containing a Sal I restriction site together with an IgG 3' constant region oligonucleotide containing an Nhe I site, both shown in Figure 7-1. Similarly, five PCR reactions, utilizing one of five 5' lambda leader sequence oligonu-35 cleotide primers containing a <u>Bgl</u> II site and a 3' lambda, constant region prime containing an Avr II site, were run.

Reaction conditions were as described above. Each PCR reaction was run in triplicate. The products of each of the heavy chain and light chain amplification reactions were run on 1.2% agarose gels. The VH4 heavy chain primer (SEQ. ID. NO.: 13: 5' ACTAAGTCGACATGAAACACCTGTGGTTCTT 3') and lambda primer (SEQ. ID. NO.: 14: (5' ATCACAGATCTCTCAC CATGACCTGCTCCCCTCCTCCC 3') gave strong bands on agarose gel electrophoresis. The products of these reactions were used for cloning into the vector TCAE 6, which contains human IgG1 and human lambda constant region sequences.

Cloning of the two variable region genes into the expression vector TCAE 6 was done sequentially. the heavy chain PCR product and the vector TCAE 6 were digested with the restriction enzymes Sal I and Nhe I, the 15 products extracted with phenol/chloroform, and passed through a SEPHADEX G-25 spin column. The PCR product was ligated to the cut vector overnight at 14°C in the presence of T4 DNA ligase. Approximately 500ng total DNA was ligated in a volume of $10\mu l$ with an insert/vector molar 20 ratio of 10:1. Ligated material was used to transform XL-1 Blue competent cells (Stratagene) and the transformed cells plated onto LB agar plates containing 50µg/ml ampi-Colonies of ampicillin resistant bacteria were cillin. picked and grown as 5ml minicultures. Plasmid DNA was extracted from each of these cultures by a standard alkaline lysis method cut with the restriction enzymes Sal I and Nhe I and the products run on a 1.2% agarose gel. Plasmids with inserts of approximately 450bp were used as templates for the subsequent cloning of light chain vari-30 able regions. The products of the light chain PCR reaction as well the plasmid containing the heavy chain insert were cut with the restriction enzymes Bgl II and Avr II and ligated together. Plasmid minicultures were screened by cutting with Bgl II and Avr II. Digests giving an 35 insert of approximately 400-450 bp were scored positive. Plasmids containing both <u>Sal I/Nhe I and Bgl II/Avr II</u>

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inserts were grown up in larger quantities for DNA sequencing.

The tandem chimeric antibody expression vectors TCAE 5.2 and TCAE 6 were derived from the vector CLDN, which itself is a derivative of the vector RLDN10b (253 Science 77-79,1991). RLDN10b in turn is a derivative of the expression vector TND (7 DNA 651-661, 1988)

RLDN10b differs from the vector TND in the following ways. The dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) transcriptional cassette (promoter, cDNA, and polyadenylation region) was placed inbetween the tissue plasminogen activator cassette (t-PA expression cassette) and the neomycin phosphotransferase (NEO) cassette so that all three cassettes are in tandem and in the same transcriptional orientation. In addition, the DHFR gene promoter in CLDN has been replaced by the mouse beta globin major promoter (3 Mol. Cell Biol. 1246-54, 1983) and the t-PA cDNA replaced by a polylinker. All three eukaryotic transcriptional cassettes (Expression , DHFR, NEO) can be separated from the bacterial plasmid DNA (pUC9 derivative) by digestion with the restriction endonuclease NotI.

CLDN differs from RLDN10b because the Rous LTR in front of the polylinker has been replaced by the human cytomegalovirus immediate early gene promoter enhancer (41 Cell, 521, 1985).

The expression vectors TCAE 5.2 and TCAE 6 differ from CLDN in that:

- They contain four transcriptional cassettes (instead of three), in tandem order:
- (a) A human immunoglobulin light chain constant region derived via amplification of cDNA by a polymerase chain reaction. In TCAE 5.2 this is the human immunoglobulin light chain kappa constant region (Kabat numbering amino acids 108-214, allotype Km3), and in TCAE 6 the human immunoglobulin light chain lambda constant region (Kabat numbering amino acids 108-215, genotype Oz minus, Mcg minus, Ke minus allotype)

- (b) A human immunoglobulin heavy chain constant region; in both constructs the human immunoglobulin heavy chain was a gamma 1 constant region (Kabat numbering amino acids 114-478 allotype Gmla, Gmlz), which was derived via amplification of cDNA by a polymerase chain reaction.
 - (c) DHFR; containing its own eukaryotic promoter and polyadenylation region.
 - (d) NEO; also containing its own eukaryotic promoter and polyadenylation region.
- 10 3) The human immunoglobulin light and heavy chain cassettes contain synthetic signal sequences for secretion of the immunoglobulin chains
- The human immunoglobulin light and heavy chain cassettes contain specific DNA linkers which allow for insertion of light and heavy immunoglobulin variable regions which maintain the translational reading frame and do not alter the amino acids normally found in immunoglobulin chains. The incorporation of the changes described, led to the construction of the vectors TCAE 5.2 and TCAE The cloning of the immunoglobulin light and heavy 20 6. variable region genes, from the anti-CD4 heterohybridoma cell line E9.1, into TCAE 6 led to the construct which is The construct, which has been deposited in the ATCC. deposited, contains the cynomolgus monkey immunoglobulin 25 heavy chain variable region and cynomolgus monkey immunoglobulin light chain variable region, whose sequences are shown in Figures 13 and 14 respectively, cloned from the anti-CD4 hybridoma cell line E9.1. The heavy chain constant region is of human origin of the gamma 1 isotype and The lambda light chain constant 30 Gmla, Gmlz allotype. region is also of human origin, of the Oz minus, mcg minus genotype and Ke minus allotype. The immunoglobulin genes are cloned into the mammalian expression vector TCAE 6, shown in Figure 6, which, when electroporated into the 35 mammalian cell line CHO produced a monkey/human anti-CD4 The DNA construct described herein, chimeric antibody. has been used to transform the bacterial strain XL-1 Blue,

selected in the antibiotic ampicillin and deposited as a bacterial cell suspension in sterile LB medium containing 15% glycerol.

Another useful expression system is one in which the 5 gene encoding a selective marker is modified to enhance yield of recombinant systems encoding a desired sequence. For example, translation initiation impairment of a dominant selectable marker results in fewer drug resistant colonies compared to a non-impaired vector, but each indi-10 vidual colony expresses significantly higher levels of colinked gene product than in the unimpaired vector. For example, translation initiation is the first step in pro-The translation initiation site of the tein synthesis. neomycin phosphotransferase gene (G418 resistance gene) 15 was changed from a consensus Kozak (sequence - ccAccATGG) Translational to a poor Kozak (sequence - ccTccATGC). initiation impairment of the G418 resistance gene resulted 1) a significant (5 fold) reduction in the number of G418 resistant colonies obtained from a same amount of 20 plasmid DNA transfected per cell, and 2) a significant increase in the amount of colinked product gene expressed in each clone. In the clones containing the consensus Kozak 73% of the colonies screened produced less than 25ng/ml, with only 3% producing greater than 100 ng/ml. 25 For clones with the altered, poorer Kozak, 8% of the colonies screened produced less than 25 ng/ml, compared with 63% of colonies producing greater than 100 ng/ml. Specifically, referring to Fig. 16 (where TCAE 5.2 has a consensus Kozak, and TCAE 12 has a poorer Kozak), 258 30 colonies were derived from 2 electroporations of 25 $\mu \mathrm{g}$ of DNA which contains a neomycin phosphotransferase gene with a consensus (unchanged) translation start site. these colonies (78%) did not express any detectable gene product (i.e., <25 ng/ml of chimeric immunoglobulin), and 35 only 8 colonies (3%) expressed more than 100 ng/ml. colonies were derived from 6 electroporations of 25 μ g of DNA which contains the neomycin phosphotransferase gene

with an altered translation start site. 63% of these colonies were expressing more than 100 ng/ml, and only 8% of these colonies expressed less than 25 ng/ml.

DNA Sequencing

Plasmid DNA was prepared from 100ml cultures. It was further purified by precipitating (1 volume) with a mixture of 2.5M sodium chloride and 20% polyethylene glycol (6 volumes) on ice for 15 minutes. After centrifugation at 10,000 x g for 20 minutes, the pellet was washed with 10 70% ethanol, recentrifuged and dried in a Speedivac (Savant). The pellet of DNA was resuspended in deionized water at a concentration of 150-250 μ g/ml. Sequencing was carried out on $5\mu g$ of double stranded DNA using the technique of Sanger. Sequencing primers which were homologous 15 to sequences within the expression vector upstream and downstream of either the light chain or heavy chain inserts were used. The inserts were sequenced in both 5' to 3' and 3' to 5' directions. Two clones of anti-CD4 light chain and two clones of anti-CD4 heavy chain each generated from separate PCR reactions were sequenced in parallel in order to determine whether any nucleotide changes had been introduced during the PCR reaction. Both of the chosen heavy chain and both light chain clones were found to be identical over their entire length, confirming 25 that no errors had been introduced during the amplification process. The sequence of the anti-CD4 heavy and light chains are shown in Figures 13 and 14 and Sequence Listing Nos.: 15 and 16.

Expression of Monkey/Human Chimeric Anti-CD4

The expression vector TCAE 5.2 and TCAE 6 are not only able to be used for stable integrated expression into the cell lines Sp2/0 and CHO but, because it includes the SV40 origin, is also able to be expressed transiently in the cell line COS. COS cell expression was performed as follows: COS cells were seeded one day before the trans-

fection so that they would be 50-70% confluent the following day. Culture medium was removed and the cells washed twice with Transfection Buffer (TB - 140mM NaCl, 25mM Tris, 5mM KCl, 0.5mM Na2HPO4 1mM MgCl2, 1mM CaCl2). 30 µg 5 of cesium chloride purified TCAE 6 plasmid containing the anti-CD4 monkey/human chimeric heavy and light immunoglobulin chains were mixed with 3ml of DEAE dextran per dish (1 mg/ml in TB). The DNA was allowed to incubate with the cells for 1 hour at 37°C. DNA solution was removed and 10 replaced with 3ml of 20% glycerol for 1.5-2.5 minutes, after which the cells were twice washed with TB. were incubated in 5ml of fresh medium containing 100uM chloroquine for 3-5 hours at 37°C, after which they were washed twice with medium and incubated with normal DMEM 15 for 72 hours. Supernatant (100 μ l) from the transfected COS cells was assayed at various dilutions for the presence of antibody by an ELISA-based technique. Goat antihuman lambda was used to coat 96 well assay plates and a peroxidase-labeled goat anti-human IgG as the detection antibody, under standard ELISA conditions. COS cells were found to produce between 10 and 40 ng/ml of monkey/human chimeric antibody. Larger volumes of supernatant were concentrated 10 fold and used in a direct binding RIA to CD4 positive supT1 cells. The parental whole monkey anti-25 body and an irrelevant human immunoglobulin were used as a positive and negative controls respectively (Fig. 11). Furthermore, the monkey anti-CD4 and the monkey/human chimeric anti-CD4 were used to inhibit the binding of a high affinity mouse anti-CD4 (1F3) antibody (Fig. 12). It 30 can be seen that the monkey/human recombinant antibody (ATCC No. ______) not only binds to CD4 positive cells but is able to inhibit the binding of 1F3 to CD4 positive cells in approximately the same concentrations of wholly monkey antibody or 1F3 itself.

35 The following is an example of the methods and antibodies of this invention.

Example 4: Generation of Monkey Antibodies Against Human Lymphocyte Antigens

An adult cynomolgus monkey (White Sands New Mexico Primate Center) was immunized intramuscularly, at multiple 5 sites, with 5 \times 10⁸ whole CD54 positive human lymphocytes. Cells used were alternately, SB cells (human B lymphoid line) and activated peripheral human lymphocytes, activated by pre-incubation with a mixture of pokeweed mitogen (2.5mg/ml), phorbol monoacetate (40 nM) and phytohemagglu-10 tinin (4mg/well) with the inclusion of a standard adju-Immunization was repeated every 2-3 weeks over a vant. period of 8 months. Sera from the immunized animals were screened at various times by inhibition of binding of a murine antibody, 84H10, known to bind to ICAM-1. A satur-15 ating amount of 84H10 was bound to chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO), previously transfected with an expression vector containing human CD54 c-DNA and selected for high expression of cell surface CD54, together with increasing dilutions of monkey serum. The inhibition of 84H10 binding is shown in FIG. 15. 20

Other murine monoclonal antibodies which recognize other human lymphocyte antigens were tested by inhibition using monkey sera obtained by the same immunization methods.

25 Use

Antibodies produced in the manner described above, or by equivalent techniques, can be purified by a combination of affinity and size exclusion chromatography for characterization in functional biological assays. These assays include determination of specificity and binding affinity as well as effector function associated with the expressed isotype, e.g., ADCC, or complement fixation. Such antibodies may be used as passive or active therapeutic agents against a number of human diseases, including B cell lymphoma, infectious diseases including AIDS, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, and transplantation. The

antibodies can be used either in their native form, or as part of an antibody/chelate, antibody/drug or antibody/toxin complex. Additionally, whole antibodies or antibody fragments (Fab₂, Fab, Fv) may be used as imaging reagents or as potential vaccines or immunogens in active immunotherapy for the generation of anti-idiotypic responses.

The amount of antibody useful to produce a therapeutic effect can be determined by standard techniques well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. The antibodies will generally be provided by standard technique within a pharmaceutically acceptable buffer, and may be administered by any desired route. Because of the efficacy of the presently claimed antibodies and their tolerance by humans it is possible to administer these antibodies repetitively in order to combat various diseases or disease states within a human.

The anti-CD4 recombinant antibodies (or fragments thereof) of this invention are also useful for inducing immunosuppression, i.e., inducing a suppression of a human's or animal's immune system. This invention therefore relates to a method of prophylactically or therapeutically inducing immunosuppression in a human or other animal in need thereof by administering an effective, nontoxic amount of such an antibody of this invention to such human or other animal.

The ability of the compounds of this invention to induce immunosuppression may be demonstrated in standard tests used for this purpose, for example, a mixed lymphocyte reaction test or a test measuring inhibition of T-cell proliferation measured by thymidine uptake.

The fact that the antibodies of this invention have utility in inducing immunosuppression means that they are useful in the treatment or prevention of resistance to or rejection of transplanted organs or tissues (e.g., kidney, heart, lung, bone marrow, skin, cornea, etc.); the treatment or prevention of autoimmune, inflammatory, proliferative and hyperproliferative diseases, and of cutaneous

manifestations of immunologically medicated diseases (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis, lupus erythematosus, systemic lupus erythematosus, Hashimotos thyroiditis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, type 1 diabetes, uveitis, nephrotic syndrome, psoriasis, atopical dermatitis, contact dermatitis and further eczematous dermatitides, seborrheic dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemplugus, bullous pemphigus, Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitides, erythema, cutaneous eosinophilias, Alopecia areata, etc.); the treatment of reversible obstructive airways disease, intestinal inflammations and allergies (e.g., Coeliac disease, proctitis, eosinophilia gastroenteritis, mastocytosis, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis) and food-related allergies (e.g., migraine, rhinitis and eczema).

one skilled in the art would be able, by routine experimentation, to determine what an effective, non-toxic amount of antibody would be for the purpose of inducing immunosuppression. Generally, however, an effective dosage will be in the range of about 0.05 to 100 milligrams per kilogram body weight per day.

The antibodies (or fragments thereof) of this invention should also be useful for treating tumors in a mammal. More specifically, they should be useful for reducing tumor size, inhibiting tumor growth and/or prolonging the survival time of tumor-bearing animals. Accordingly, this invention also relates to a method of treating tumors in a human or other animal by administering to such human or animal an effective, non-toxic amount of an antibody.

30 One skilled in the art would be able, by routine experimentation, to determine what an effective, non-toxic amount of antibody would be for the purpose of treating carcinogenic tumors. Generally, however, an effective dosage is expected to be in the range of about 0.05 to 100 milligrams per kilogram body weight per day.

The antibodies of the invention may be administered to a human or other animal in accordance with the afore-

mentioned methods of treatment in an amount sufficient to produce such effect to a therapeutic or prophylactic degree. Such antibodies of the invention can be administered to such human or other animal in a conventional dosage form prepared by combining the antibody of the invention with a conventional pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent according to known techniques. It will be recognized by one of skill in the art that the form and character of the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent is dictated by the amount of active ingredient with which it is to be combined, the route of administration and other well-known variables.

The route of administration of the antibody (or fragment thereof) of the invention may be oral, parenteral, by inhalation or topical. The term parenteral as used herein includes intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, rectal, vaginal or intraperitoneal administration. The subcutaneous and intramuscular forms of parenteral administration are generally preferred.

20 The daily parenteral and oral dosage regimens for employing compounds of the invention to prophylactically or therapeutically induce immunosuppression, or to therapeutically treat carcinogenic tumors will generally be in the range of about 0.05 to 100, but preferably about 0.5 to 10, milligrams per kilogram body weight per day.

The antibody of the invention may also be administered by inhalation. By "inhalation" is meant intranasal and oral inhalation administration. Appropriate dosage forms for such administration, such as an aerosol formulation or a metered dose inhaler, may be prepared by conventional techniques. The preferred dosage amount of a compound of the invention to be employed is generally within the range of about 10 to 100 milligrams.

The antibody of the invention may also be adminis-35 tered topically. By topical administration is meant nonsystemic administration and includes the application of an antibody (or fragment thereof) compound of the invention

externally to the epidermis, to the buccal cavity and instillation of such an antibody into the ear, eye and nose, and where it does not significantly enter the blood stream. By systemic administration is meant oral, intra-5 venous, intraperitoneal and intramuscular administration. The amount of an antibody required for therapeutic or prophylactic effect will, of course, vary with the antibody chosen, the nature and severity of the condition being treated and the animal undergoing treatment, and is 10 ultimately at the discretion of the physician. A suitable topical dose of an antibody of the invention will generally be within the range of about 1 to 100 milligrams per kilogram body weight daily.

Formulations

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While it is possible for an antibody or fragment thereof to be administered alone, it is preferable to present it as a pharmaceutical formulation. ingredient may comprise, for topical administration, from 0.001% to 10% w/w, e.g., from 1% to 2% by weight of the formulation, although it may comprise as much as 10% w/w but preferably not in excess of 5% w/w and more preferably from 0.1% to 1% w/w of the formulation.

The topical formulations of the present invention, comprise an active ingredient together with one or more 25 acceptable carrier(s) therefor and optionally any other The carrier(s) must be therapeutic ingredients(s). "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the recipient thereof.

Formulations suitable for topical administration include liquid or semi-liquid preparations suitable for penetration through the skin to the site of where treatment is required, such as liniments, lotions, creams, ointments or pastes, and drops suitable for administration 35 to the eye, ear or nose.

Drops according to the present invention may comprise sterile aqueous or oily solutions or suspensions and may be prepared by dissolving the active ingredient in a suitable aqueous solution of a bactericidal and/or fungicidal 5 agent and/or any other suitable preservative, and prefer-The resulting ably including a surface active agent. solution may then be clarified by filtration, transferred to a suitable container which is then sealed and sterilized by autoclaving or maintaining at 90°-100°C for half 10 an hour. Alternatively, the solution may be sterilized by filtration and transferred to the container by an aseptic technique. Examples of bactericidal and fungicidal agents suitable for inclusion in the drops are phenylmercuric nitrate or acetate (0.002%), benzalkonium chloride (0.01%) 15 and chlorhexidine acetate (0.01%). Suitable solvents for the preparation of an oily solution include glycerol, diluted alcohol and propylene glycol.

Lotions according to the present invention include those suitable for application to the skin or eye. An eye lotion may comprise a sterile aqueous solution optionally containing a bactericide and may be prepared by methods similar to those for the preparation of drops. Lotions or liniments for application to the skin may also include an agent to hasten drying and to cool the skin, such as an alcohol or acetone, and/or a moisturizer such as glycerol or an oil such as castor oil or arachis oil.

Creams, ointments or pastes according to the present invention are semi-solid formulations of the active ingredient for external application. They may be made by mixing the active ingredient in finely-divided or powdered form, alone or in solution or suspension in an aqueous or non-aqueous fluid, with the aid of suitable machinery, with a greasy or non-greasy basis. The basis may comprise hydrocarbons such as hard, soft or liquid paraffin, glycerol, beeswax, a metallic soap; a mucilage; an oil of natural origin such as almond, corn, arachis, castor or olive oil; wool fat or its derivatives, or a fatty acid

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such as stearic or oleic acid together with an alcohol such as propylene glycol or macrogols. The formulation may incorporate any suitable surface active agent such as . an anionic, cationic or non-ionic surface active such as 5 sorbitan esters or polyoxyethylene derivatives thereof. Suspending agents such as natural gums, cellulose derivatives or inorganic materials such as silicaceous silicas, and other ingredients such as lanolin, may also be included.

It will be recognized by one of skill in the art that the optimal quantity and spacing of individual dosages of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention will be determined by the nature and extent of the condition being treated, the form, route and site of administration, and 15 the particular animal being treated, and that such optimums can be determined by conventional techniques. will also be appreciated by one of skill in the art that the optimal course of treatment, i.e., the number of doses of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention given 20 per day for a defined number of days, can be ascertained by those skilled in the art using conventional course of treatment determination tests.

Without further elaboration, it is believed that one skilled in the art can, using the preceding description, 25 utilize the present invention to its fullest extent. following are, therefore, to be construed as merely illustrative examples and not a limitation of the scope of the present invention in any way.

Capsule Composition

A pharmaceutical composition of this invention in the 30 form of a capsule is prepared by filling a standard twopiece hard gelatin capsule with 50 mg. of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention, in powdered form, 100 mg. of lactose, 32 mg. of talc and 8 mg. of magnesium 35 stearate.

Injectable Parenteral Composition

A pharmaceutical composition of this invention in a form suitable for administration by injection is prepared by stirring 1.5% by weight of an antibody or fragment 5 thereof of the invention in 10% by volume propylene glycol and water. The solution is sterilized by filtration.

Ointment Composition

Antibody or fragment thereof of the invention 1.0 g. White soft paraffin to 100.0 g.

The antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is 10 dispersed in a small volume of the vehicle to produce a smooth, homogeneous product. Collapsible metal tubes are then filled with the dispersion.

Topical Cream Composition

Antibody or fragment thereof of the invention 1.0 g. 15

Polawax GP 200 20.0 g.

Lanolin Anhydrous 2.0 g.

White Beeswax 2.5 g.

Methyl hydroxybenzoate 0.1 g.

Distilled Water to 100.0 g. 20

The polawax, beeswax and lanolin are heated together at 60°C. A solution of methyl hydroxybenzoate is added and homogenization is achieved using high speed stirring. The temperature is then allowed to fall to 50°C. 25 antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is then added and dispersed throughout, and the composition is allowed to cool with slow speed stirring.

Topical Lotion Composition

Antibody or fragment thereof of the invention 1.0 g.

Sorbitan Monolaurate 0.6 g. 30

Polysorbate 20 0.6 g.

Cetostearyl Alcohol 1.2 g.

Glycerin 6.0 g.

Methyl Hydroxybenzoate 0.2 g.

Purified Water B.P. to 100.00 ml. (B.P. = British Pharmacopeia)

The methyl hydroxybenzoate and glycerin are dissolved in 70 ml. of the water at 75°C. The sorbitan monolaurate, 5 polysorbate 20 and cetostearyl alcohol are melted together at 75°C and added to the aqueous solution. The resulting emulsion is homogenized, allowed to cool with continuous stirring and the antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is added as a suspension in the remaining water. The whole suspension is stirred until homogenized.

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Eye Drop Composition

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Antibody or fragment thereof of the invention 0.5 g. Methyl Hydroxybenzoate 0.01 g.

Propyl Hydroxybenzoate 0.04 g.

Purified Water B.P. to 100.00 ml.

The methyl and propyl hydroxybenzoates are dissolved in 70 ml. purified water at 75°C and the resulting solution is allowed to cool. The antibody or fragment thereof of the invention is then added, and the solution is sterilized by filtration through a membrane filter (0.022 $\mu\mathrm{m}$ pore size), and packed aseptically into suitable sterile containers.

Composition for Administration by Inhalation

For an aerosol container with a capacity of 15-20 ml: 25 mix 10 mg. of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention with 0.2-0.5% of a lubricating agent, such as polysorbate 85 or oleic acid, and disperse such mixture in a propellant, such as freon, preferably in a combination of (1,2 dichlorotetrafluoroethane) and difluorochloromethane and put into an appropriate aerosol container adapted for either intranasal or oral inhalation administration.

Composition for Adminstration by Inhalation

For an aerosol container with a capacity of 15-20 ml: dissolve 10 mg. of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention in ethanol (6-8 ml.), add 0.1-0.2% of a lubricating agent, such as polysorbate 85 or oleic acid; and disperse such in a propellant, such as freon, preferably in combination of (1.2 dichlorotetrafluoroethane) and difluorochloromethane, and put into an appropriate aerosol container adapted for either intranasal or oral inhalation administration.

The antibodies and pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are particularly useful for parenteral administration, i.e., subcutaneously, intramuscularly or intravenously. The compositions for parenteral administration 15 will commonly comprise a solution of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention or a cocktail thereof dissolved in an acceptable carrier, preferably an aqueous carrier. A variety of aqueous carriers may be employed, e.g., water, buffered water, 0.4% saline, 0.3% glycine, 20 and the like. These solutions are sterile and generally free of particulate matter. These solutions may be sterilized by conventional, well-known sterilization tech-The compositions may contain pharmaceutically acceptable auxiliary substances as required to approximate 25 physiological conditions such as pH adjusting and buffering agents, etc. The concentration of the antibody or fragment thereof of the invention in such pharmaceutical formulation can vary widely, i.e., from less than about 0.5%, usually at or at least about 1% to as much as 15 or 30 20% by weight, and will be selected primarily based on fluid volumes, viscosities, etc., according to the particular mode of administration selected.

Thus, a pharmaceutical composition of the invention for intramuscular injection could be prepared to contain 1 mL sterile buffered water, and 50 mg. of an antibody or fragment thereof of the invention. Similarly, a pharmaceutical composition of the invention for intravenous

infusion could be made up to contain 250 ml. of sterile Ringer's solution, and 150 mg. of an antibody or fragment Actual methods for preparing thereof of the invention. parenterally administrable compositions are well-known or 5 will be apparent to those skilled in the art, and are described in more detail in, for example, Remington's Pharmaceutical Science, 15th ed., Mack Publishing Company, Easton, Pennsylvania, hereby incorporated by reference herein.

The antibodies (or fragments thereof) of the invention can be lyophilized for storage and reconstituted in a suitable carrier prior to use. This technique has been shown to be effective with conventional immune globulins and art-known lyophilization and reconstitution techniques 15 can be employed.

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Depending on the intended result, the pharmaceutical composition of the invention can be administered for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatments. In therapeutic application, compositions are administered to a patient 20 already suffering from a disease, in an amount sufficient to cure or at least partially arrest the disease and its complications. In prophylactic applications, compositions containing the present antibodies or a cocktail thereof are administered to a patient not already in a disease 25 state to enhance the patient's resistance.

Single or multiple administrations of the pharmaceutical compositions can be carried out with dose levels and pattern being selected by the treating physician. In any event, the pharmaceutical composition of the invention 30 should provide a quantity of the altered antibodies (or fragments thereof) of the invention sufficient to effectively treat the patient.

It should also be noted that the antibodies of this invention may be used for the design and synthesis of 35 either peptide or non-peptide compounds (mimetics) which would be useful in the same therapy as the antibody. See, e.g., Saragovi et al., <u>Science</u>, <u>253</u>, 792-795 (1991).

<u>Deposit</u>

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Strain _____ has been deposited with the ATCC and assigned number _____. This deposit was made on July 9, 1992.

Applicants' and their assignees acknowledge their responsibility to replace these cultures should they die before the end of the term of a patent issued hereon, 5 years after the last request for a culture, or 30 years, whichever is the longer, and its responsibility to notify 10 the depository of the issuance of such a patent, at which time the deposit will be made irrevocably available to the public. Until that time the deposit will be made available to the Commissioner of Patents under the terms of 37 C.F.R. Section 1-14 and 35 U.S.C. Section 112.

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Claims:

- A recombinant antibody comprising a human, a chimpanzee or a first Old World monkey immunoglobulin constant region and an antigen-binding portion of a second Old World monkey immunoglobulin variable region; wherein said first and second Old World monkey can be the same or different.
- A recombinant antibody comprising an immunoglobulin heavy or light chain having specificity for a particular known antigen having a constant region homologous to a corresponding constant region of a human, chimpanzee or first Old World monkey antibody,
- a framework region homologous to a corresponding human, chimpanzee or second Old World monkey framework 15 region, and

an antigen-binding portion homologous to a third Old World monkey antigen-binding portion, wherein said first, second, and third Old World monkey can be the same or different.

- 20 3. A recombinant antibody comprising an immunoglo-bulin constant region which is not immunogenic to a human, a framework region which is essentially not immunogenic to a human, and an antigen-binding portion of a first Old World monkey immunoglobulin variable region.
- 25 4. The antibody of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein said antibody binds specifically to a human antigen.
- 5. The antibody of claim 3 wherein said constant region is homologous to a constant region of a human, a chimpanzee or a second Old World monkey immunoglobulin constant region, wherein said first and second Old World monkey can be the same or different.

- 6. The antibody of claim 3 wherein said framework region is homologous to a human, chimpanzee or Old World monkey framework region.
- 7. The antibody of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein one said 5 Old World monkey is a Rhesus monkey.
 - 8. The antibody of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein one said Old World monkey is a cynomolgus monkey.
 - 9. The antibody of claim 1, 2, or 3 wherein one said Old World monkey is a baboon.
- 10. A recombinant antibody comprising a first Old World monkey immunoglobulin constant region and a second antigen-binding portion of a different Old World monkey immunoglobulin variable region.
- 11. The antibody of claim 10, wherein said antibody 15 binds specifically to a human antigen.
- 12. The antibody of claim 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 or 11 wherein said antibody binds specifically to human antigens chosen from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD11a, CD11b, CD18, CD5a, CD11c, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.
- The antibody of claim 4 wherein said antibody binds specifically to human antigens chosen from CD58,
 VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, CD18, CD5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.

- 14. The antibody of claim 7 wherein said antibody binds specifically to human antigens chosen from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD23, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFB, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, CD18, CD5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.
- 15. The antibody of claim 8 wherein said antibody binds specifically to human antigens chosen from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD23, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, CD18, CD5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.
- 16. The antibody of claim 9 wherein said antibody binds specifically to human antigens chosen from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, CD18, CD5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.
 - 17. The antibody of claim 10 wherein each said Old World monkey is selected from the group consisting of baboon, Rhesus, and cynomolgus monkeys.
- 25 18. The antibody of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein said antigen-binding portion comprises one or more CDR regions of an Old World monkey variable region.
- 19. The antibody of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein said antigen-binding portion comprises the whole variable 30 region of an Old World monkey.

- 20. Nucleic acid encoding a recombinant antibody comprising a first Old World monkey immunoglobulin antigen-binding portion.
- 21. The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein said recom-5 binant antibody comprises a human, chimpanzee or second Old World monkey constant region, wherein said first and second Old World monkey may be the same or different.
- 22. The nucleic acid of claim 21 wherein said antibody comprises a framework region of a second Old World 10 monkey, a human or a chimpanzee antibody, wherein said first and second Old World monkey may be the same or different.
- 23. The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein said antigen-recognizing portion comprises the whole variable region of said Old World monkey antibody.
 - 24. The nucleic acid of claim 20 wherein said antigen-recognizing portion comprises one or more CDR regions of said first Old World monkey variable region.
- 25. The nucleic acid of claim 20, 21, or 22 wherein 20 said first and second Old World monkey are separately selected from the group consisting of baboon, Rhesus and cynomolgus monkeys.
- 26. A monoclonal antibody, or a Fab or Fv or (Fab)₂ fragment thereof, formed by an immortalized Old World monkey B-cell.
 - 27. The monoclonal antibody of claim 26 wherein said B-cell is a cynomolgus B-cell.
 - 28. The monoclonal antibody of claim 26 wherein said B-cell is a Rhesus B-cell.

- 29. The monoclonal antibody of claim 26 wherein said B-cell is a baboon B-cell.
- 30. The monoclonal antibody of claim 26, 27, 28 or 29 wherein said antibody is produced to a human antigen.
- 31. The monoclonal antibody of claim 26, 27, 28 or 29 wherein said antibody binds specifically to human antigens chosen from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD 23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD11a, CD18, CD11b, CD11c, C5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.
 - 32. A method for isolating the variable region of an Old World monkey antibody gene, comprising the steps of:

contacting nucleic acid from the Old World monkey,

and a primer complementary to the nucleic acid sequence
encoding a 5' leader sequence of said antibody gene, to
form a hybrid complex; and

amplifying said nucleic acid in said hybrid complex to produce amplified nucleic acid.

- 20 33. The method of claim 32, wherein said nucleic acid is DNA or cDNA.
 - 34. The method of claim 32 wherein said primer is complementary to the non-coding strand of a 5' leader sequence of a human or Old World monkey antibody gene.
- 25 35. The method of claim 32 wherein said amplifying step produces sufficient nucleic acid to place within a vector.
 - 36. A method for isolating the variable region of an Old World monkey antibody gene, comprising the steps of:

contacting RNA from an Old World monkey with reverse transcriptase to form cDNA,

contacting said cDNA with a primer complementary to the cDNA at a location encoding a 5' leader sequence of said antibody gene, to form a hybrid complex, and

amplifying said nucleic acid in said hybrid complex to produce amplified nucleic acid.

37. A method for producing a recombinant antibody to a human antigen, said antibody being not immunogenic in a human, comprising the steps of:

raising an Old World monkey antibody to said antigen in an Old World monkey,

isolating an Old World monkey nucleic acid encoding an antigen-binding portion of a variable region of said Old World monkey antibody,

providing a human nucleic acid encoding a human constant region of a human antibody,

ligating said Old World monkey nucleic acid and said human nucleic acid to form a recombinant nucleic acid, and expressing said recombinant nucleic acid to produce said recombinant antibody.

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- 38. The method of claim 37 wherein said antigenbinding portion comprises one or more CDR regions of an Old World monkey variable region.
- 25 39. The method of claim 37 wherein said antigenbinding portion comprises the whole variable region of an Old World monkey.
- 40. The method of claim 37, wherein said method further comprises the step of immortalizing a cell able to produce said Old World monkey antibody.
 - 41. The method of claim 37, further comprising the step of identifying the Old World monkey nucleic acid

encoding a variable region of said Old World monkey antibody.

- 42. The method of claim 40 wherein said immortalizing is by hybridoma fusion.
- 5 43. The method of claim 40 wherein said immortalizing is by viral transformation.
 - 44. The method of claim 40 wherein said immortalizing is by single B-cell cloning.
- 45. The method of claim 40 wherein said immortaliz-10 ing is by library construction.
 - 46. The method of claim 37 wherein said human constant region is selected to have a desired isotype.
- 47. The method of claim 37 wherein said method further comprises selecting a B-cell from said Old World monkey.
 - 48. The method of claim 47 wherein said B-cell is obtained from peripheral blood lymphocytes, lymph node, bone marrow or spleen.
- 49. The method of claim 37 wherein said method fur-20 ther comprises screening cells of said Old World monkey for production of said antibody.
 - 50. The method of claim 37 wherein said expressing is within a producer cell line.
- 51. The method of claim 37 wherein said isolating 25 comprises immunoglobulin gene rescue of said variable region.

- 52. The method of any of claims 30-44, wherein said antigen is selected from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD18, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, C5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.
- 53. A method for treating a human having an antigen, wherein said human is in need of treatment, comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a recombinant antibody specific for said antigen, wherein said antibody comprises a human or chimpanzee or first Old World monkey constant region and an antigenbinding portion of a second Old World monkey variable region.
 - 54. The method of claim 53 wherein said human suffers from cancer, and said antigen is a tumor antigen.
- 55. The method of claim 53 wherein said human suffers from an auto-immune response, and said antigen is an 20 antigen involved in an autoimmune response in the human.
 - 56. The method of claim 53 wherein said antigen is a receptor expressed on a host cell.
- 57. The method of claim 53 wherein said antibody comprises portions homologous to human and Old World monkey antibodies.
- 58. The method of claim 53 or 57 wherein said antigen is selected from CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2, LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD18, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, C5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, and CD71.

- 59. The method of claim 53 wherein said antigenbinding portion comprises one or more CDR regions of an Old World monkey variable region.
- 60. The method of claim 53 wherein said antigen-5 binding portion comprises the whole variable region of an Old World monkey.
 - 61. A recombinant antibody comprising
 - a constant region of a heavy chain of a human antibody;
- 10 (2) a constant region of a light chain of said human antibody;
 - (3) a variable region of a heavy chain of an Old World monkey antibody against a human antigen; and
- (4) a variable region of a light chain of said Old 15 World monkey antibody.
 - 62. Recombinant nucleic acid comprising at least one CDR region from the variable region in SEQ. ID NOS. 15 or 16.
- 63. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a thera-20 peutically or prophylactically effective amount of an antibody of any of claims 1, 2, 3, 10 or 26 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 64. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 63 where said antibody binds specifically to CD58, VCAM, VLA4, CD2,
 25 LFA3, ELAM, LAM, CD25, CD4, CD19, CD20, CD23, CD41, CD44, CD54, TNFα, TNFβ, Tn antigen, IL-1, IL-8, human T-cell receptor, CD3, CD28, CD8, CD18, CD11a, CD11b, CD11c, C5a, CD45, neu oncogene product, MDR-1, TGFα, TGFα receptor, PDGF, or CD71.
- 30 65. A method for treatment of a disease chosen from rheumatoid arthritis, eczema and an immunomodulatory dis-

ease comprising the step of providing a pharmaceutical composition of claim 63 to a human suffering from said disease.

MONKEY AND HUMAN VH LEADER SEOUENCES

15 --20 -19 -18 -17 -16 -15 -14 -13 -12 -11 -10 -9

MONKEX

VHS VH2 VH3 VH 4 E ಸೆದೆ TCC J C ಸ್ಟ್ TGT TGT IGI ಗೆರೆ CIG TGT TIG TTG CAG CAG CAG CIG GIC ပ္ပ GTT GTC GTC GIC GGA TGG 5 IGG ပ္ပပ္ပ 9 **TGG** GGT AGA AGA AGA CAA AAG TCC AAA JCC JCC F C LTA ပ္ပ TTA ပ္ပ ည္ပ TTC ည္ပ CIT ATT GTT GIC CCI ည GCA PCC PCC S GCT GCI ACC GCT CTG CTG GTT GTT GTG GTT CIG CIA CIA CIT CIT CII TIG CIG TIG CTC TIC CIC GTT GIT CIC TGG TGG HC ACA **TGG** TGT TCC ACG ATG AAA CAC CTG TGG TTC TTC ATG GAC TGG ACC TGG AGG ATG AAA CAC CTG TGG TTC TGT TCC ATG GAG TTT GGG CTG AGC ATG GAG TIT GGG CTG AGC ATG GAG TIT GGG CIG AGC

HUMAN

VH2 VH3 TCC ည် IGI TGT TGT TGT ಗೆರ ಗೆದ CAG CTG CAG CAG CAG GIC GIC GIC GIC GIC **TGG** GGT CGA GGT GGT GGT GIG ACG ည္သင္မ AAA AAA AAA AAA TTA TTA TTA **₹** ပ္ပပ္ပ TTA ပ္ပ GAT GIA GCA GIC ATT ATT CTT gÇ₽ SCI ACT GCT GCT SCI GCT GTT GTT ITG CTA CII CIT CIT TGI CIC CTG TIC TTC GTT GTT CIC CIT CIC ACG **TGG 166** TGG TCC ACC AGC AGC ACC CIG CTG IGI CTG 999 999 999 ACC 999 CIT TGG TII CTT CAC TII GAC GAG GAG AAA GAC GAG GAG AAA GAC ATG ATG ATG ATG ATG

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CONSTANT CHI	CONSTANT CK	Kpn I Bsi WI	CONSTANT CL	Kpn Avr II
VARIABLE To HEAVY CHAIN	VARIABLE	Ig KAPPA CHAIN	VARIABLE	Ig LAMBDA CHAIN
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F16. 2a.	F1G. 2b.		F16. 2c.	•••

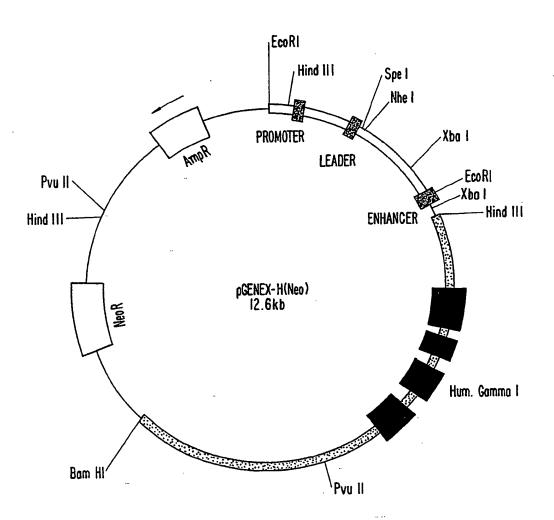


FIG. 3.

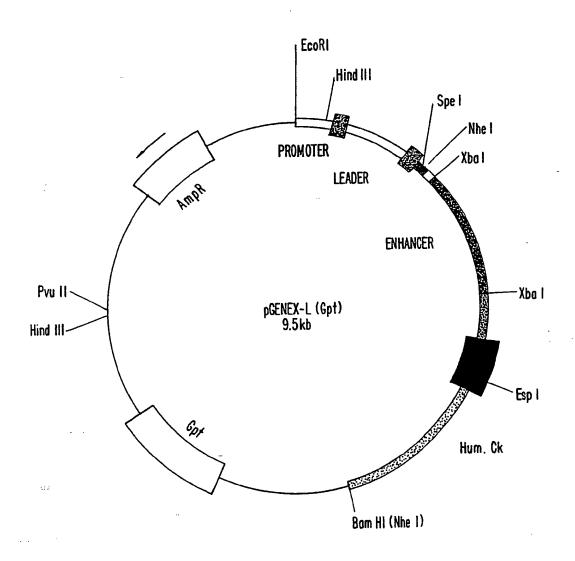
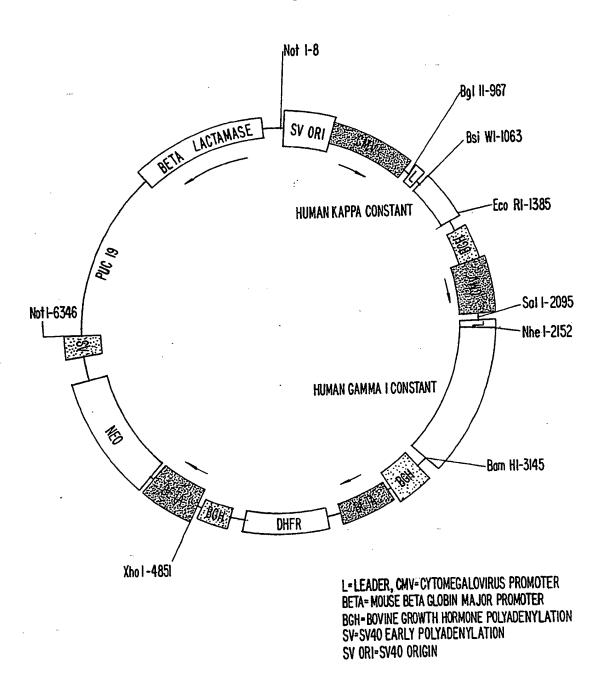


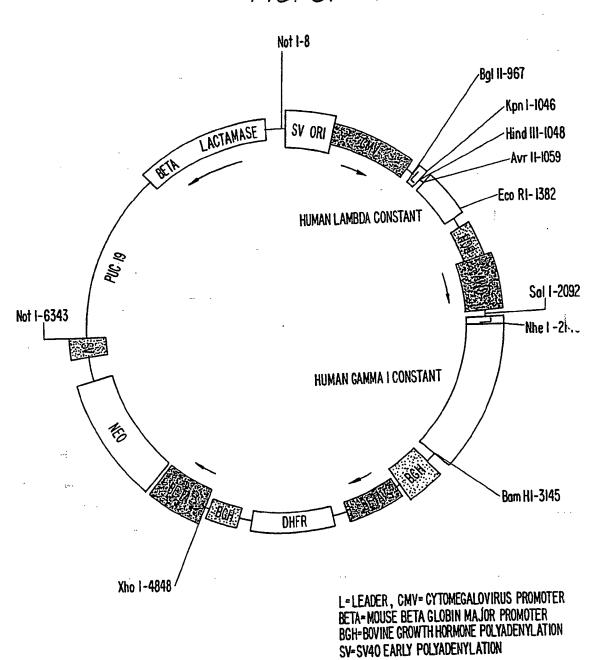
FIG. 4.

FIG. 5.



TCAE 5.2 CONTAINING HUMAN IgGI AND KAPPA CONSTANT REGIONS

FIG. 6.



TCAE 6
CONTAINING HUMAN 19GI AND LAMBDA CONSTANT REGIONS

SV ORI- SV40 ORIGIN

Primers for the Amplifcation of Monkey Immunoglobulin Heavy Chain Variable Regions

5' 'Sense' Primers

A Human or Monkey heavy chain early leader sequence primers with Sall site

- VH 1 5' ACTAAGTCGACATGGACCTGG 3'
- V_H2 5' ACTAAGTCGACATGGACATACTTTGTTCCAC 3'
- V_H3 5' ACTAAGTCGACATGGAGTTTGGGCTGAGC 3'
- V_L4 5' ACTAAGTCGACATGAAACACCTGTGGTTCTT 3'
- V_H5 5' ACTAA<u>GTCGAC</u>ATGGGGTCAACCGCCATCCT 3'
- V_H6 5' ACTAAGTCGACATGTCTGTCTCCTCAT 3'

B. Human or Monkey heavy chain late leader sequence primers with Mlu I site

- V_H1 5' G GCA GCA GC(CT) ACG CGT GCC CAC TCC GAG GT 3'
- VH2 5' G ACC GTC CCG ACG CGT GT(TC) TTG TCC CAG GT 3'
- VH3 5' GCT ATT TTC ACG CGT GTC CAG TGT GAG 3'
- VH4 5' GCG GCT CCC ACG CGT GTC CTG TCC CAG 3'
- V_H5 5' G GCT GTT CTC ACG CGT GTC TGT GCC GAG GT 3'

FIG. 7a.

C. Human or Monkey framework 1 sequence primers with Xho I site

V_H1,3a,5 CAGGTGCAGCTG<u>CTCGAG</u>TCTGG

V_H2 CAGGTCAACTTA<u>CTCGAG</u>TCTGG

V_H3b GAGGTGCAGCTG<u>CTCGAG</u>TCTGG

V_H4 CAGGTGCAGCTG<u>CTCGAG</u>TCGGG

V_H4 CAGGTACAGCTG<u>CTCGAG</u>TCAGG

3' 'Anti-Sense' Primers.

A Human or Monkey Heavy Chain Constant Region Primers Anti-Sense Strand with Nhe 1 site

+118 5' GGC GGA TGC <u>GCT AGC</u> TGA GGA GAC GG 3' Nhe I

FIG. 7a'.

Primers for the Amplification of Monkey Immunoglobulin Light Chain Variable Regions

5' 'Sense' Primers

- A. Human or Monkey kappa light chain early leader primers with Bal II site
- 1. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGGTGTTGCAGACCCAGGTC 3'
- 2. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGG(GA)G(AT)CCCC(TA)GC(TG)CAGCT 3'
- 3. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCAT GGACATGAGGGTCCCCGCTCAG 3'
- 4. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGGACAC(GAC)AGGGCCCCCACTCAG 3'
- B. Human or Monkey lambda light chain early leader primers with Bgl II site
- 1. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGGCCTGGGCTCTGCTGCTCC 3'
- 2. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGGCCTGGGCTCCACTACTTC 3'
- 3. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGACCTGCTCCCCTCTCCTCC 3'
- 4. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGGCCTGGACTCCTCTTTC 3'
- 5. 5'ATCACAGATCTCTCACCATGACTTGGACCCCACTCCTC 3'

FIG. 7b.

3' 'Anti-Sense' Primers

C

A. Human or Monkey kappa light chain constant region primer anti-sense strand with Kon 1 and BsiW1 sites

C 5' CCG TTT GAT TTC CAG CTT GGT ACC TCC ACC GAA CGT 3'

Kpn |

+112

5' TGC AGC ATC CGT ACG TTT GAT TTC CAG CTT 3'

Bsi \(\frac{1}{2}\)

B. Human or Monkey lambda light chain constant region primer anti-sense strand with Kon 1, Hind III and Avr II sites

+107 5' ACC TAG GAC GGT <u>AAG CTT GGT ACC</u> TCC GCC 3' Hind III Kpn I

+107 5' ACC TAG GAC GGT CA(C/G) (C/G)TT GGT ACC TCC GCC GAA CAC 3' Kpn I

5' CTT GGG CTG ACC TAG GAC GGT CAG CCG 3'

FIG. 7b'.

A. Heavy Chain Variable Region:

CCATGGACTGGACCTGG 3' 5' VH1 ATGGACATACTTTGTTCCAC 3' 5' VH2 CCATGGAGTTTGGGCTGAGC 3' VH3 5' ATGAAACACCTGTGGTTCTT 3' VH4 5' ATGGGGTCAACCGCCATCCT 3' 5' VH5 ATGTCTGTCTCCTCAT 3' VH6

B. Heavy Chain Constant Region Anti-Sense Strand:

IgM 5' T TGG GGC GGA TGC ACT 3'

IgG 1-4 5' GA TGG GCC CTT GGT GGA 3'

C. Light Chain Variable Region:

Kappa 5' G ATG ACC CAG TCT CCA (G/T)CC TC 3'

-9

-3

-3

CTC A(C/T)T (T/C)(G/A)C TGC (A/C)CA GGG TCC 3'

D. Light Chain Constant Region Anti-Sense Strands:

+115 +110

Kappa 5' AA GAC AGA TGG TGC AGC CA 3'
+118 +112

Lambda 5' G GAA CAG AGT GAC CGA GGG G 3'

FIG. 8.

Comparison of human consensus VH1 sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

S		Q	
	KL G	R	M
- T	RI T	K	V
XVQLVQSGAEVKKPGXSVX		DYXTH WVROAPGXGLEW	XG
XAOTAOSCHEAKKAGYZAY	VOCKADUIII O	NYAIS	
			s-
QT	T	STIINV	J
	T		
	VRSI		
	I LKA F		
XINPSXGXTNYAPXFOG		TAYMELSSLRSEDTAVYYC	
WINTDTGNPTYAOGFKE	F-M	KI-L K	
WINPSNGNTGYAOKFOG		N	
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.ab.			
	v	HOMOLOGY	
. 27		<u>nomotogi</u>	
445.4.	G	S HUMAN VHI CONSENSUS	
XYGFYSNDYXXXXXYTXD		MONIVEY OF ONE 1-2 000/	
<u>VVGTTYAEYFEF</u>	A		
MYSWKGT FD	Y	- MONKEY CLONE 1-14 94%	

FIG. 9a.

Comparison of human VH2 consensus sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

		G						_	
	Q	A			I			G	
Q	K	${f T}$	Q	F	F			A	
XVT	LRES	SPXLVK	PTETLI	LTCTVS	FSLS	<u>TXGMXVG</u>	WIRQE	PEKXL	EWLA
						<u>TSGTGYS</u>			
						<u>ASGTGVA</u>	2	3	T
						TSETGVG			
						.			
							_		
	-					TM	A		
						RLTN			
						NVSSV			
RIN	XWDDL	OKYYST	SLRS	RLTISKE	TSKN	OAALXXXXX	KDPXDI	CATYYC	AR
RID	WDNI	DRYYST	SLKN				L		
SIF	WTG	VKYYNT	<u>SLKN</u>	S-	D-	A	I		·G -
		VKYYIT		R-					
						·			
							HO	MOLOGY	
				I					
RXF	RXXX	GDXGXY	XXAFDV	WGQGTI	CVTVS	S HUMAN VH	2 CONSENS		
GGS			DY			 Monkey Cli 	ONE 2-3	98%	
	WSGY	S	\overline{FD}	_		 MONKEY CL 	ONE 2-13	91%	
		$rac{1}{VPYYTL}$		_		- MONKEY CL	ONE 2-10	97%	
ناعم		<u> </u>	22	,					
				FIG	94				
				110.		•			

Comparison of human consensus VH3 sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

I A EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRIEFS-		TYDMT EYSIH SYDMN		PGKGLEW R- 	
HIEEKXNGSATYYADSVKG RISW NSGTIYYASSVKG LAGKKADRYKTEYATAVKG YISS ASGYIYYADSVKG RVIRK GARTKYAASVKG	RFTISRD	MV NA SAF DSKNTLYLOS FS	R		CAR
DPEVESLXXXFXYXXFFDS GTALCSDSGCSS DY PVLGDRWF FDL GOPVLOFLEWLLPTTGSDV DVAAAGT	PI-	MONKEY MONKEY	HOMO VH3 CONSEN: CLONE 3-34 CLONE 3-36 CLONE 3-40 CLONE 3-9	96% 93% 95%	

FIG. 9c.

Comparison of human consensus VH4 sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

-M		YYWGT
YIYY SGSTYYNPSL VISGN SGSADYNPSL SLOGR GGNKYLNLCL SIHGS GGSNSLNPSL SLOGR GGNKYLNLSL YIYGS GGGTNYNPSL	-NN L-AG-K	FSLKLSSVTAADTAVYYCAR
GDVTSGWYRGY FDS VGDNR FDV ELYSSSPY YFDF GDNR FDV NILKYLHWLLY	WGPGVLVTVSSG WGQGVRVTVSSG	HOMOLOGY HUMAN VH4 CONSENSUS MONKEY CLONE 4-13 90% MONKEY CLONE 4-14 96% MONKEY CLONE 4-16 92% MONKEY CLONE SC CHIM 96% MONKEY ANTI-CD4 CHIM 88%

Comparison of human consensus VH5 sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

R EVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKI: RR	SCKGSGYSF 1		WVRQMPGKGLEW VQ	
MGIIYPGDSDTRYSPSFOGH VGRVSPGDSITRYNPSFOGH	VTISADKSIS	STAYLQWS I-TFN	SSLKASDTAMYYCAF	₹. .

HOMOLOGY

RAGNGNYYOD

HUMAN VH5 CONSENSUS

FYY WGHGVLVTVSSG MONKEY CLONE 5-11 84%

FIG. 9e.

Comparison of human consensus VK1 sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

•	 V			
DIQMTQSPSSLS	ASVGDRVTITC	RASC	OSVXXSDISSYLN	WYQQKP
DIQMTQSPAS				
DIQMTQSPAS		OASC		
DIQMTQSPAS		RASC	GINOELS	
DIQMTQSPAS				
			R	
		*	G	I
GKAPKLLIY <u>XAS</u>	SLES GVPSRF	SGSGS	GTDFTLTISSLQ	PEDFATYYC
D <u>SAS</u>	<u> </u>	ת- מיז	NE	F-
T <u>AAS</u>			SPE	VED-
L	3101		•	
			<u>H0M</u>	<u>OLOGY</u>
OOYNSLPXXYD	YT FGQGTKV	EIK	HUMAN VKI CONSENSUS	
OOYYSYPR	<u>LT</u>		MONKEY CLONE KI-7 9	4%
OOGNSYP	<u>LT</u> G		MONKEY CLONE KI-3 9)%
LODYMSP	<u>WT</u>		MONKEY CLONE KI-14 9)%
	F	<i>IG</i>	9f.	

Comparison of human consensus VKII sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

		R
DIVMTQSPLSLPVTPGEPASISC	RSSOSLVHSNGNTYLN	WYLQKP
DIVMTQSPASL-G	TSTOSLLSGNGYSYLN	
-LA-PAQ	RASESV SFFGVNLIH	

GQSPQLLIY KVSNRFS GVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLKISRVEAEDVGVYYC
---H---- YDSYRAS ---T-------FNP---D-A-D---

V
L R

MOALOSP YT FGQGTKNEIK

MOTLOSP FT --P---D-LOSKNSPR T --G---
WONKEY SC CHIM 81%

FIG. 9g.

Comparison of human consensus Lambda VIII sequence with cloned monkey variable regions

	S SPGQTARITC <i>SGD</i> GF <i>GGD</i>		YQQKP	
GQAPVLVIY EDA	<u>SKRPS</u> GIPERFSG SERPSA	n SNSGTTATLT	T AQ SISGVE	
<u>OAWDSXTXXVV</u> <u>OVWDSTADHWV</u>	FGGGTKLTVLG	HUMAN A III CON MONKEY ANTI-CD4		

FIG. 9h.

FIG. 10.

Comparison of Human VH3 consensus sequence with 4 monkey VH3 sequences and 8 human VH3 sequences

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	_	G S	
	S		
I	V	A	
EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRL		-	
QR			
QV-GR			
QVSR	SYAME	•	
L	vn SCTMI		
R			
R		_	
RV		-	
-MK-		<u> </u>	
	SYDM	•	
S-	V NYNMI		
EF	TYDM	="	
	S EYSIH	- <u>-</u>	
X-T-RPXK-TET-T-	T-TVSL- TXGMX\	/G -IPXL-	•
	MV	s kt	
	NA SAF	D EP L F T	
		MNSLRAEDTAVYYCAR	
HIEEKXNGSATYYADSVKG	RETISKUUSKAIDIUG		
VIS YDGSNEYFADSVKG	V	K	
VIS DDGSNKYYADSVKG			
VIS YDGSNKYYADSVKG	- T	N	
TIS ASGYATYYADSVKG		S-	
SIRSKDYGGTTEYAASVKG		S-	
AISG SGGSTYYADSVKG		KIVG	
QIKNKVDGGTIDYAAPVKG HIENKTKNYATIYRASVKG		-DPDLP	
	FAS-S	-S	
		SKT	
		R	
RIS WNSGTIYYASSVKG		T	
LAGKKADRYKTEYATAVKG	-1V-TOW-3	XXXXDPXT	
RIN XWDDDKYYSTSLRS	-PV-1544 \$	444411 -	
DPEVESLXXXFXYXX FFDS		Hum VH3	000
	G	RF TS2	92%
GVYCSSSSCYSYYYYHYMDV		RF SJ1	87%
GRFCSGQSCYSYYYYYYMDV	-KT	RF SJ2	91%
		BE	93%
NNTSPY FDY	E	CHERRI	92%
		18/2	98%
NYTGTV DY		K6H6	84%
PPEVESLRS	R	1B11	83%
GQPVLQFLEWLLPTTGS DV		monkey #40	92%
DVAAAGT	GV	monkey #9	90[
		monkey #34	95 5
BIN CUBMEE DI	PI-I	monkey #36	91%
		Hum VH2	60%
RXPRXXXGDXGXYXXA FDV		num vnz	

FIG. //.
DIRECT BINDING OF CHIMERIC ANTI-CD4
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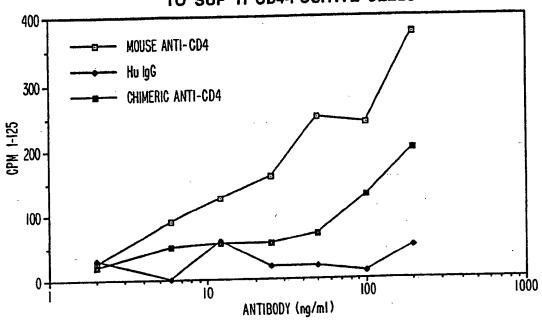


FIG. 12.

INHIBITION OF 1F3 BINDING TO CD4 POSITIVE CELLS BY MONKEY AND MONKEY/HUMAN

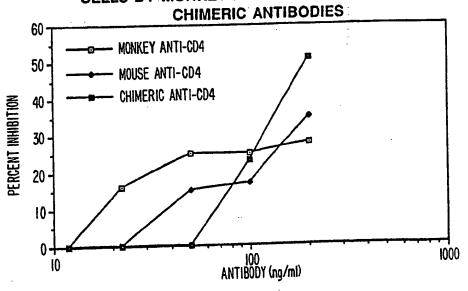


FIG. 13.

Monkey Anti-CD4 $V_{\rm H}$ Sequence. Listed from 1 to 420bp. Translate from leader sequence methionine ATG (bp 4)to bp 420. Protein sequence numbered from antibody framework residue +1 to last $V_{\rm H}$ residue +120

M K H L W F F L L L V A A P R GAC ATG AAA CAC CTG TGG TTC TTC CTC CTG GTG GCA GCC CCC AGA

X P S E T L S L T C S V S G G S AAG CCT TCG GAG ACC CTG TCC CTC ACC TGC AGT GTC TCT GGT GGC.TCC

30 $$1\ \mbox{S}$ G D Y Y W F W I R Q S P G K ATC AGC GGT GAC TAT TAT TGG TTC TGG ATC CGC CAG TCC CCA GGG AAG

50 $\,$ G L E W I G Y I Y G S G G G T N $\,$ GGA CTG GAG TGG ATC GGC TAC ATC TAT GGC AGT GGT GGG GGC ACC AAT

Y N P S L N N R V S I S I D T S
TAC AAT CCC TCC CTC AAC AAT CGA GTC TCC ATT TCA ATA GAC ACG TCC

80 90 ${\rm K}$ N L F S L K L R S V T A A D T AAG AAC CTC TTC TCC CTG AAA CTG AGG TCT GTG ACC GCC GCG GAC ACG

A V Y Y C A S N I L K Y L H W L GCC GTC TAT TAC TGT GCG AGT AAT ATA TTG AAA TAT CTT CAC TGG TTA

IIO
L Y W G Q G V L V T S S
TTA TAC TGG GGC CAG GGA GTC CTG GTC ACC GTC TCC

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FIG. 14.

Monkey Anti-CD4 $V_{\rm Lambda}$ Sequence. Listed from 1 to 387bp. Translated from leader sequence methionine ATG (bp 4)to bp387. Protein sequence numbered from antibody framework residue +1 to last $V_{\rm Lambda}$ residue +109

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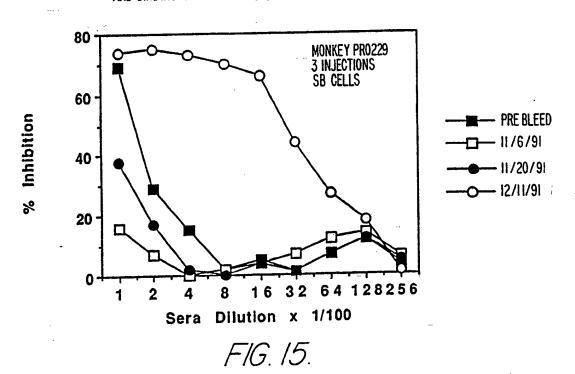
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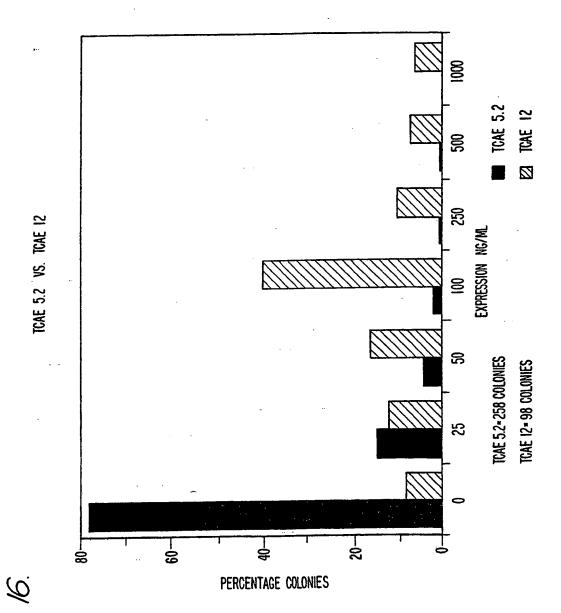
F S G S N S G N T A T L T I S G
TTC TCT GGC TCC AAC TCA GGG AAC ACC GCC ACC CTG ACC ATC AGC GGG

80 90 V E A G D E A D Y Y C Q V W D S GTC GAG GCC GGG GAT GAG GCT GAC TAT TAC TGT CAG GTG TGG GAC AGT

T A D H W V F G G G T R L T V L ACT GCT GAT CAT TGG GTC TTC GGC GGA GGG ACC CGG CTG ACC GTC CTA

109 G GGT ANTI-CD54 COMPETITIVE ACTIVITY IN B CELL IMMUNIZED MONKEY; INHIBITION OF 84HIO MAB BINDING TO ICAM TRANSFECTED CHO CELL





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